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Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for noon Wednesday, April 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Local landmark looks to be added to National Register of Historic Places

The nomination of the 13-24 Drive-In Movie Theater to the National Register of Historic Places will be considered at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at the City Hall Assembly Room, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month,

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All Hoosiers 16 and older to be vaccine eligible Wednesday

State's face-covering mandate becomes mask advisory Tuesday, April 6

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Almost exactly a year after the COVID-19 pandemic claimed the first life in Indiana, the world looks much different. But, reduced infection rates and increased vaccinations has given a glimpse of hope for the future.

Like much of the state, Wabash County remains in the blue, or lowest, category of COVID-19 advisory level, despite a slight uptick in cases for another week. The results are as of 11:59 p.m. Monday, March 22, and were updated at noon Wednesday, March 24 and reflect data through the previous Sunday.

During a televised press conference Wednesday, state health commissioner

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On Tuesday, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb delivered a statewide address to lay out the road ahead for Hoosiers in the fight against COVID-19.

Pathfinder Services, local leaders officially open new Wabash office



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Pathfinder Services president and CEO Danielle Tips speaks before the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Mayor proclaims March as Disability Awareness Month

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Pathfinder Services and the city held a ceremony Tuesday officially proclaiming March as Disability Awareness Month in Wabash as part of the ribbon-cutting for the new Pathfinder Services office at 407 S. Cass St.

The new structure more than doubles the space of the

previous facility and "allows for more services to be provided for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities," said communication and volunteer coordinator Nicole Hahn.

"We are so thankful for all of our partners who helped us with this project," said president and CEO Danielle Tips. "We look forward to the expanded services and supports we will be able to provide for those we serve in Wabash."

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Wabash City Council president John Burnsworth reads an official proclamation.

Community Good Friday services planned

Wabash Area Ministerial Association, Fellowship of Churches to both hold events

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After a year of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic locally, Wabash County churches are once again coming together.

And with Palm Sunday happening this weekend, and Holy Week up next, the timing couldn't be better.

Next week, two separate combined Good Friday services are scheduled for opposite ends of the county.

The Wabash Area Ministerial Association will be conducting a Community Good Friday Service on Friday, April 2, said Dorothy Carpenter of Wabash First Church of God. It will be held from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St.

"Various pastors will be speaking on the last seven words of Christ as he died on the cross," said Carpenter.

Carpenter said a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Salvation Army.

"All funds will be used to help with needs in Wabash County," said Carpenter.

Meanwhile, in North Manchester, a Community Interdenominational Good Friday Service has also been planned for Good Friday, said Victory Christian Fellowship Pastor Tim Morbitzer.

Morbitzer said the Fellowship of Churches and local pastors will hold the Community Good Friday Service starting shortly after noon Friday, April 2 at Victory Christian Fellowship, 112 W. Main St., North Manchester. Morbitzer said all are invited and worshipers should enter at north or south doors.

Morbitzer said he would deliver a special message from Isaiah 53:4-5 titled, "Surely, He has borne ..." after various other local pastors have time to "pray, share and encourage."

Morbitzer said hymn singing will be led by Pastor Mark Eastway from Rock Solid Youth Center. Morbitzer said a "love offering"

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Wabash County United Fund delivers hundreds of books to local children

The Lisa Libraries of Kingston, New York sent materials worth \$5,604

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Once again, the Wabash County United Fund (WCUF) has helped make local children's bookshelves a bit brighter.

The WCUF has received a grant to support early childhood education in Wabash County, said resource coordinator Di Wion.

Wion said the WCUF program targeting Title I schools started in 2020 to provide books to pre-K and kindergarten students.

"This is an effort to create or add to home libraries for young learners and is continuing in 2021," said Wion.

Over the past few months, WCUF has been involved in several such efforts to deliver books to children.

In January 2020, the

WCUF has distributed 1,255 board books to preschools and kindergartens throughout the county to be given as gifts either for Christmas, Dr. Seuss Day or both, said Wion. Indiana United Way (IUW) received a grant from OMG ("Offering More Great") Books and shared a part of that, \$4,000, with the WCUF, facilitating the purchase of these books.

In March 2020, delivered 547 board books to the Area Five Head Start classes in North Manchester and Wabash and to pre-kindergarten classes in the L.H. Carpenter Early Learning Center, Southwood Elementary School, Manchester Elementary School, Metro North Elementary School and the Manchester Early Learning Center.

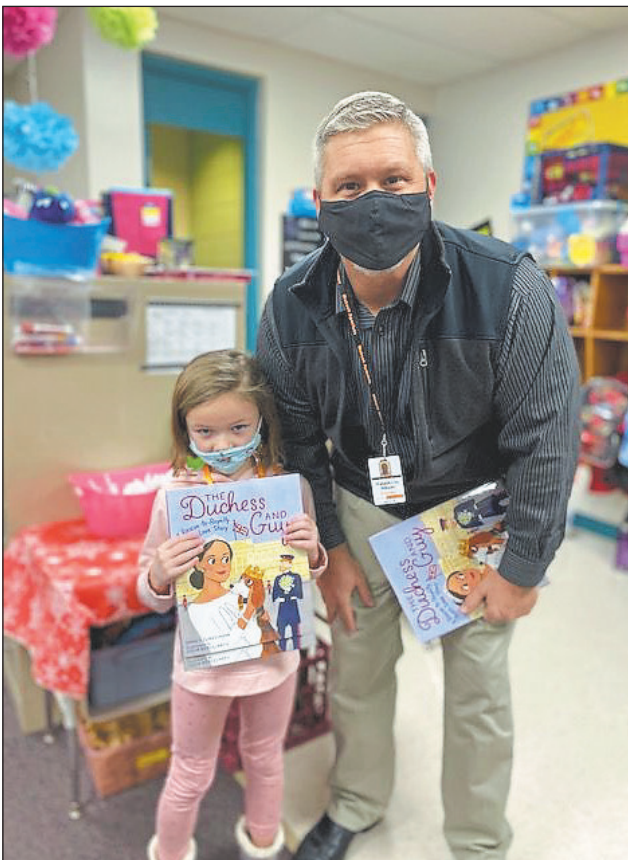
And in early February 2021, The Lisa Libraries of Kingston, New York, sent the WCUF 549 children's books worth \$5,604.

This collection included a myriad of titles, both fiction and nonfiction, including,

"The Magic of Touch: Healing Effects of Animal Touch and Animal Presence" by Annie Reinhardt and Viktor Reinhardt, "Mary Poppins ABC" by Pamela Lyndon Travers, "Pablo Puppy's Search for the Perfect Person" by Shelia Hamanaka, "Beatrice's Goat" by Page McBrier, "The Duchess and Guy" by Nancy Furstinger, "Little Ruffle and the World Beyond" by Jodie Jackson, "The Friendship Fairy" by Amanda Provins and "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Turkey" by Lucile Colandro, among others.

Wion said the books were divided and delivered to pre-kindergarten classes at Area Five Head Start in Wabash, Area Five Head Start in Laketon, Manchester Early Learning Center, Manchester Elementary School, Metro-North Elementary School and L. H. Carpenter Early Learning Center.

Wion said kindergarten



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In total, 534 books were distributed throughout the county Title I schools and early learning centers.

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Catholic left seeks hope after Vatican bans same-sex unions

After a media firestorm ignited by a Vatican condemnation of same-sex unions – because God “cannot bless sin” – Catholic progressives immediately looked for hope in the words of bishops, President Joe Biden and even Pope Francis.

In his Sunday Angelus address after the March 15 ruling, the pope stressed that modern seekers want to “see Jesus” in acts of love, not persecution.

Catholics must promote “a life that takes upon itself the style of God – closeness, compassion and tenderness,” said the pope. “It means sowing seeds of love, not with fleeting words but through concrete, simple and courageous examples; not with theoretical condemnations, but with gestures of love. Then the Lord, with his grace, makes us bear fruit, even when the soil is dry due to misunderstandings, difficulty or persecution, or claims of legalism or clerical moralism.”

While Pope Francis gave “his assent” to the ruling, the Jesuit publication America cited anonymous Vatican sources saying the Angelus remarks suggested that he was “distancing himself” from the work of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

That document said God “does not and cannot bless sin: He blesses sinful man, so that he may recognize that he is part of his plan of love and allow himself to be changed.” As for same-sex unions, it added: “The presence in such relationships of positive elements ... cannot justify these relationships and render them legitimate objects of an ecclesial blessing, since the positive elements exist within the context of a union not ordered to the Creator’s plan.”

Bishop Johan Bonny

Terry Mattingly



“ashamed on behalf of my Church. ... I want to apologize to all those for whom this ‘responsum’ is painful and incomprehensible: faithful and committed Catholic homosexual couples, the parents and grandparents of homosexual couples and their children, pastoral workers and counselors of homosexual couples,” he wrote on Facebook.

“I know homosexual couples who are legally married, have children, form a warm and stable family, and moreover, actively participate in parish life. A number of them are employed full-time in pastoral work or ecclesial organizations,” he added. So why deny the “similarity or analogy with heterosexual marriage here?”

Meanwhile, the president of the German bishops’ conference, Bishop Georg Batzing, said he was “not happy” about the Vatican document. Also, a statement from 230 Catholic theologians in Germany called the refusal to bless same-sex unions “paternalistic,” “discriminating” and lacking in “theological depth.”

The head of St. Peter’s Cathedral in the small German city of Worms went further, saying he “cannot and will not” refuse blessings to anyone. Father Tobias Schaefer told the Deutsche Welle network: “My opinion is: Don’t take Rome seriously and continue with pastoral care. There are more important things than such stupid papers!”

In Austria, Bishop Her-

mann Glettler of Innsbruck told Kathpress: “We want to offer all gay and lesbian people ... a welcome and a spiritual home in the church – and not only when they are celibate.” The country’s liberal Parish Priests Initiative, with 350 members, pledged to continue same-sex blessings, adding that the “Roman decree” recalled “times that we had hoped to have overcome with Pope Francis.”

In the United States, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said President Joe Biden – a Catholic layman who frequently praises Pope Francis – had no “personal response” to the ruling, but continues to support same-sex marriage. Biden performed two same-sex marriage rites while vice president.

Also, New Ways Ministry – based near Washington, D.C. – urged priests and other Catholics in its network to sign an online petition calling on “Pope Francis and Vatican leaders to rescind this statement which has caused so much pain,” while pledging to “find new ways to affirm and bless all LGBTQ people, whether they are single or in a committed relationship.”

The group offered a sample same-sex union rite, with a priest proclaiming: “Splendid to us and much sought after is the sweet smell of love established in the time of our ancestors, guided by the voices of the prophets, sanctified by the preaching of the apostles, and made alive by the witness of the women and those unconfined by gender: because of all the beautiful things of the earth, love is the most excellent.”

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5-Day Weather Summary

Saturday Mostly Sunny 71 / 46	Sunday Scattered T-storms 54 / 34	Monday Sunny 59 / 41	Tuesday Partly Cloudy 66 / 46	Wednesday Few Showers 56 / 30

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:02 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:33 a.m.

Full 3/28	Last 4/4	New 4/11	First 4/20

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 71°, humidity of 58%. Southeast wind 5 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 46°. Southwest wind 11 mph.

‘Hosanna!’

By **ROBB RENSBERGER**

Palm Sunday is when the church celebrates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On the day he entered Jerusalem, many people were traveling on the road to Jerusalem. They were coming to celebrate the Passover. On this crowded road came Jesus riding a donkey.

The Biblical accounts do not say who started the placing of cloaks on the road and who started the waving of the palm branches or who started the shouts of “Hosanna!” But this is what the crowd started to do. The atmosphere was electric. It would have been like a victory parade. It was not just a few people here and there shouting Hosannas and placing cloaks on the road and waving palm branches.

The road would have been lined with people and these people excitedly, with anticipation, hope and much joy were celebrating Jesus as their king.

What they were doing and shouting was what people would do for a beloved king. Their actions and their words were acknowledging Jesus as king.

But this celebration was

short-lived. In just under a week, many of these same people were shouting, “Crucify! Crucify!” In just a matter of days, Jesus went from being praised and celebrated as king to being condemned by the same people.

We may think badly of these people, but are we any different? No, we are not.

We are sinful humans, just like they were. We can easily be caught up in the excitement of the crowd shouting “Hosanna!” And we can just as easily be caught up in the rage of the crowd shouting “Crucify!”

The question for each one of us is, what will we shout? Will we acknowledge Jesus as our king and shout, “Hosanna?” Or will we deny Jesus as our king and shout, “Crucify!”?

When we believe we are sinners and our sin separates us from the loving God and creator, that our sins deserve to be punished and Jesus’ death and blood is the only payment for our sin that will take our punishment away, then we will acknowledge Jesus as our king and shout, “Hosanna!”

But if we believe there is no afterlife, that we will not be held accountable for our

wrongs, our sins, then we will look at Jesus, despising his words and life, and deny his deity and shout, “Crucify!”

The truth, whether you believe it or not, is Jesus is God’s son, he became a human, died on a cross for mine and your sins. His blood and death, satisfy the requirements for the forgiveness of our sins. Our sins have been paid for by Jesus’ blood and death.

If we do not receive forgiveness for our sins, we will face punishment.

This punishment is an eternity in Hell.

To receive the forgiveness of our sins, we need to confess we have sinned against God. Once we confess, we need to repent. Repent means to turn, we turn from our sins and turn to God. After confessing and repenting, we then need to believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins. When we confess, repent, and believe, we receive forgiveness. With this forgiveness, we will not have to face the punishment for our sin.

So, as we celebrate Jesus’ death and resurrection on Easter, will you be shouting “Hosanna!” or “Crucify!”?

Robb Rensberger is the senior pastor of the First Church of God.

Woman’s Clubhouse plans April luncheon and program

The Woman’s Clubhouse will host Bill Plummer for the Tuesday, April 13 luncheon and program at 770 W. Hill St., according to Ellen Stouffer. Lunch will

begin at noon with the program on the Turpentine Creek Animal Sanctuary. The MSD retired teachers are hosting this event called, “Lions, Tigers, and

Bears, Oh My!” Reservations for the lunch are due by Friday, April 9 by calling Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613.

Consumer spending dipped 1 percent as winter storms raked the U.S.

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Consumers spending and personal incomes both fell sharply in February as severe winter storms disrupted shopping in many parts of the country and the government wrapped up distribution of \$600 relief payments.

However, both are expected rebound strongly this month as more people are vaccinated and flush with a second round of pandemic aid, this time in larger, \$1,400 individual payments.

Consumer spending fell 1 percent last month, the Commerce Department

reported Friday, the biggest drop since last April when spending tumbled 12.4 percent as the country was broadsided by the global pandemic.

Incomes fell a record 7.1 percent last month, a period when the government was completing the bulk of the \$600 payments from December’s \$900 billion relief bill.

Temperatures are rising with the arrival of spring, meaning consumers will be growing more active, and the Treasury Department reported this week that it had made 127 million payments totaling \$325 billion in the first two weeks after President Joe Biden had signed

the latest economic support package totaling \$1.9 trillion.

“With \$1,400 stimulus checks making their way into bank accounts, health conditions improving and weather warming up, U.S. consumers look ready for a spring bloom,” said Gregory Daco, chief U.S. economist at Oxford Economics.

Consumer spending, which is closely watched because it accounts for 70 percent of economic activity, jumped 3.4 percent in January. Personal incomes, which provide the fuel for future spending, surged 10.1 percent the same month as the U.S. doled out \$600 checks.



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Obituaries

Maynard Eugene Vollmer

Nov. 15, 1927 – March 25, 2021

Maynard Eugene Vollmer, 93, North Manchester, died March 25, 2021. Maynard was born November 15, 1927 to Urban G. and Cleo R. (Schrader) Vollmer.

Maynard owned Maynard's Men's Shop in North Manchester.

Maynard is survived by his daughters, Christine (Charles) Jones, Amy (Michael) Isenberg and Ruth (Thomas) LaSalle; six

grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Calling Monday, March 29, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Burial will take place at Leesburg Cemetery, Leesburg, Indiana.

McKee Mortuary is entrusted with final arrangements.

Dorlan E. Wagner

Feb. 7, 1923 – March 21, 2021

Dorlan E. Wagner, 98, North Manchester, died March 21, 2021. He was born on Feb. 7, 1923 in Wabash County, Indiana, to Hobart and Thelma (Yoder) Wagner.

Dorlan is survived by his sons, Timothy (Shirley) Wagner, Eric (Amy) Wagner, Craig (J.K.) Wagner, Brian (Davonne Rogers) Wagner, Matthew (Karen) Wagner and Bradford (Joy) Wagner; daughters, Sheila

(Gale) Lahr; Lora (Wendell) Enyeart; brother, Duane Wagner; sister, Darl Willcox; twenty grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, 1100 Manchester Avenue, Wabash.

The family of Dorlan Wagner has entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements.

Shots in little arms: Vaccine testing turns to kids

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

The 9-year-old twins didn't flinch as each received test doses of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine – and then a sparkly bandage to cover the spot.

"Sparkles make everything better," declared Marisol Gerardo as she hopped off an exam table at Duke University to make way for her sister Alejandra.

Researchers in the U.S. and abroad are beginning to test younger and younger kids to make sure COVID-19 vaccines are safe and work for each age. The first shots are going to adults who are most at risk from the coronavirus, but ending the pandemic will require vaccinating children too.

"Kids should get the shot," Marisol told The Associated Press this week after the sisters participated in Pfizer's new study of children under age 12. "So that everything might be a bit more normal." She's looking forward to when she can

have sleepovers with friends again.

So far in the U.S., teen testing is furthest along: Pfizer and Moderna expect to release results soon showing how two doses of their vaccines performed in the 12 and older crowd. Pfizer is currently authorized for use starting at age 16; Moderna is for people 18 and older.

But younger children may need different doses than teens and adults. Moderna recently began a study similar to Pfizer's new trial, as both companies hunt the right dosage of each shot for each age group as they work toward eventually vaccinating babies as young as 6 months.

Last month in Britain, AstraZeneca began a study of its vaccine among 6- to 17-year-olds. Johnson & Johnson is planning its own pediatric studies. And in China, Sinovac recently announced it has submitted preliminary data to Chinese regulators showing its vaccine is safer in children as

young as 3.

Getting this data, for all the vaccines being rolled out, is critical because countries must vaccinate children to achieve herd immunity, noted Duke pediatric and vaccine specialist Dr. Emmanuel "Chip" Walter, who is helping to lead the Pfizer study.

Most COVID-19 vaccines being used around the world were first studied in tens of thousands of adults. Studies in children won't need to be nearly as large: Researchers have safety information from those studies and subsequent vaccinations of millions of adults.

And because children's infection rates are so low – they make up about 13 percent of COVID-19 cases documented in the U.S. – the main focus of pediatric studies isn't counting numbers of illnesses. Instead researchers are measuring whether the vaccines rev up youngsters' immune systems much like they do adults' – suggesting they'll offer similar

protection.

Proving that is important because while children are far less likely than adults to get seriously ill, at least 268 have died from COVID-19 in the U.S. alone and more than 13,500 have been hospitalized, according to a tally by the American Academy of Pediatrics. That's more than die from the flu in an average year. Additionally, a small number have developed a serious inflammatory condition linked to the coronavirus.

Apart from their own health risks, there still are questions about how easily children can spread the virus, something that has complicated efforts to reopen schools.

Earlier this month, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious disease expert, told Congress he expected that high school students likely would begin getting vaccinated in the fall. The elementary students, he said, may not be eligible until early 2022.

VACCINE

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Kristina Box said that while these comparatively low numbers of cases were cause for celebration, "this pandemic is far from over."

"We're still seeing new cases of COVID each and every day," said Box.

Box said they were particularly concerned with the B.1.1.7 variant, which has been ravaging Europe.

Box said more than 1.4 million Hoosiers under 16 are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine because none of the three available vaccines have been authorized for younger people.

Box said this was yet another reason every adult who is eligible for a vaccine should sign up as soon as possible.

"While I hope that the current clinical trials in children ages 12 to 17 result in an expansion of eligibility for those groups for those groups sometime this summer, it's unrealistic to think that children under the age of 12 will be eligible for the vaccine for quite some time," said Box.

On Tuesday, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb delivered a statewide address to lay out the road ahead for Hoosiers in the fight against COVID-19. Indiana's current cases, positivity rate, hospitalizations and deaths have all dropped drastically since mid-January and nearly a million Hoosiers are fully vaccinated, said press secretary Rachel Hoffmeyer.

The state plans to open vaccine eligibility to all Hoosiers 16 years and older on Wednesday, March 31, provided Indiana receives a large increase in the amount of vaccine as outlined by the federal government. Additional mass vaccination clinics will be scheduled for April and the state will implement a large employer vaccination program.

Starting April 6, decisions about venue capacity and social gatherings will be made by local officials. Customers in restaurants, bars and nightclubs will no longer be required by the state to be seated. Six feet of spacing between tables and other seating will still be recommended as is the spacing between non-household parties.

The statewide face-covering mandate will become a mask advisory on Tuesday, April 6. Face coverings will remain mandatory in all state buildings and facilities and all vaccination and COVID testing sites until further notice. K-12 schools will continue under current requirements through the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

Hoffmeyer said local governments, private businesses and other entities may institute more stringent guidelines.

"The ISDH will continue to provide county-level, color-coded metrics to provide easy-to-understand information about whether virus levels are increasing or decreasing locally," said Hoffmeyer.

The state public health emergency will be renewed for another 30 days, beginning Thursday, April 1.

"This declaration allows the state to act quickly if conditions take a turn for the worse and allows the state to continue to access hundreds of millions of federal dollars to support Hoosiers recovering from the impacts of the pandemic," said Hoffmeyer.

Also on Wednesday, the ISDH announced they were partnering with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and IU Health to host a multi-day mass vaccination clinic at the speedway to protect Hoosiers from COVID-19. The Indiana National Guard will support the operation.

The clinic will provide the single-dose Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine and will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Thursday, April 1 through Saturday, April 3; Tuesday, April 13 through Sundays, April 18; and Saturday, April 24 through Friday, April 30. The speedway is located at 4790 W. 16th St. Entrance will be through Gate 2 off 16th Street. All individuals are asked to wear a mask while being vaccinated.

Because the clinics will offer the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, only Hoosiers age 18 and older are eligible to be vaccinated at this site. Registration is required in advance at <https://ourshot.in.gov> or by calling 211.

On Thursday the ISDH announced more than 1 million Hoosiers are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

As of Friday, 5,141 people had been fully vaccinated in Wabash County, with 195 second doses having been administered locally on Thursday alone. As of Friday, 7,082 people locally had received at least their first dose, with 126 of those having been administered Thursday alone. As of Friday, For the single-shot vaccines, 125 people had been vaccinated through this method in Wabash, with 20 of those having been administered Thursday alone. In all, as of Friday, 5,266 people had been fully vaccinated in Wabash County, with 215 of those having been administered Thursday alone.

As of Friday, a total of 2,604,473 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 1,561,705 first doses and 1,042,768 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Hoosiers age 40 and older, along with healthcare workers, long-term care residents, first responders who are regularly called to the scene of an emergency to render medical assistance, and educators and school support staff through grade 12 are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

To schedule a vaccine, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance.

Additional locations and appointments are being added as more vaccine become available.

Long-term care facilities

The ISDH's long-term care facilities dashboard was updated at noon Wednesday, March 24 with information as of Wednesday, March 17.

During last week's update, no new cases or deaths among residents or staff in Wabash County long-term care facilities were reported for the first time in months.

However, during the latest update, in Wabash County:

■ Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester reported 10 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 50 staff positive cases.

■ Peabody Retirement Commu-

nity in North Manchester reported 54 total resident positive cases, 14 total resident deaths and 125 staff positive cases.

■ Wellbrooke of Wabash reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, fewer than five new resident deaths, 35 total resident positive cases, 13 total resident deaths and 33 staff positive cases.

■ Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Centre reported 20 total positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 15 staff positive cases.

■ Vernon Health and Rehabilitation reported 36 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 29 staff positive cases.

■ Rolling Meadows Health Care Centre in LaFontaine reported 56 total resident positive cases, 16 total resident deaths and 16 staff positive cases.

■ Miller's Merry Manor – Wabash East reported 51 total resident positive cases, nine total resident deaths and 32 staff positive cases.

■ Miller's Merry Manor – Wabash West reported fewer than five total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 13 staff positive cases.

Local figures

■ On Wednesday, the ISDH reported eight new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,390, with 14,488 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 3.6 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 10.5 percent.

■ On Thursday, the ISDH reported two new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,392, with 14,495 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 3.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 11.9 percent.

■ On Friday, the ISDH reported three new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,395, with 14,510 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 3.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 9.9 percent.

Statewide figures

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 1,136 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 682,099 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

To date, 12,596 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 20 from the previous day. Another 406 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

A total of 3,227,019 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,224,904 on Thursday. A total of 8,730,919 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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with the next one scheduled for April 15 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser set for April 17

The Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 17 at Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar will also be available. COVID-19 precautions will still be in effect during the evening. The purpose of the Spring Gala is to raise scholarship funds for local seniors from Northfield, Southwood and Wabash high schools. Tickets are available from Wabash Tri Kappa members and may also be purchased at Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St., and the office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St. For more information, call 765-661-8206.

Wabash Art Guild Members' Art Show returns for 2021

The 61st annual Wabash Art Guild 2021 Members' Art Show will be on display through Sunday, April 25 at the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. There will be free admission available for the Clark Gallery during these dates from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The group is also interested in inviting new members who would like to contribute to their works. For more information, call 260-563-7690.

WACT plans spring comedy

Performances of "Play On!" by Rick Abbot and directed by Brett Robinson have been scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124. For more information, email brett.a.robinson1@outlook.com.

Local clean-up days announced

Mayor Scott Long said the city was working in conjunction with the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District's annual Spring Tox-Away Day. The city will offer curbside spring cleanup from Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7. Piles for pickup should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet for collection by the Street Department personnel. Wabash's Tox-Away Day would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and that North Manchester's would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The gates will close "promptly" at 1 p.m. on both days.

Grow Wabash County hosting Process Communication Communication workshop

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office. Tuition for the workshop will be \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant's course fees, an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested or representatives for their companies can do so at www.growwabashcounty.com/pcmworkshop or by contacting Grow Wabash County by email info@growwabashcounty.com or by phone at 260-563-5258.

Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

COVID-19 testing continues at Parkview Wabash

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital "on an on-going basis." Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Acts 2:36

A new window for gun reform

Not all signs of returning to a pre-pandemic normal are good: On Monday, a man was charged with fatally shooting 10 people, including a police officer, in a grocery store in Boulder, Colorado, only a week after another attacker killed eight people, six of whom were women of Asian descent, near Atlanta. Before then, perhaps in part because the pandemic severely limited the number of people gathering in public, the last mass shooting incident in a public place was in March 2020. But now, with the pandemic's end in sight, America seems to be returning to what has, over the last several decades, become a horrifying "normal."

The reality is that this normal is not some inevitable phenomenon; it's a choice that federal lawmakers continue to make, mass shooting after mass shooting. With every new tragedy, Congress faces renewed pressure to pass gun control legislation — some of which has overwhelming public support — and still repeatedly fails to take serious action, if any, to prevent gun violence in a country with abnormally high gun-related deaths. And there is no excuse; at some point, lawmakers have to realize that their inaction costs tens of thousands of Americans their lives every single year.

Though Republican members of Congress have been notoriously reluctant to budge when it comes to gun reform, some Democrats have also chosen to let reckless laws stand instead of replacing them with safer measures. But now Democrats — many of whom ran and won on the promise of stricter gun laws — control the White House and both chambers of Congress, and they must seize this window of opportunity, however narrow it is, to take whatever steps they can

to push gun reform forward. That won't happen with what have become routine speeches or tweets responding to these massacres; Americans have all been down that road many times before and know how it will end. It happens by actually following through and passing new laws.

It's true that the Democrats don't have free rein to do as they wish in Washington. The filibuster in the Senate requires 60 votes — which means at least 10 Republicans need to join the Democrats — to send a bill to a floor vote. But that doesn't mean nothing can be done. Over the last few years, some Senate Republicans have changed their stance on the issue, showing more openness to at least some gun control legislation. So Democrats might not be able to pass sweeping reform under the current Senate rules, but they have a responsibility to find some compromise to break the gun control logjam that has haunted the United States for far too long.

That means starting with small steps. The first, for example, should be a requirement for background checks on every gun sale, a policy that 90 percent of Americans support. The House recently passed a bill to do just that, and while it passed along a mostly party-line vote, eight Republicans voted for it. The second step should be to ensure that there is a reasonable waiting period between someone's decision to purchase a firearm and when they actually receive it. The point of that is to reduce the possibility of someone acting on an impulse, which is tragically what happened in the Atlanta-area shooting last week: The gunman bought his weapon merely hours before his killing spree.

These kinds of small steps could eventually lead to

more meaningful reform like assault weapon bans. Just 10 days before the shooting in Boulder, a court blocked the city's assault weapons ban that it had implemented in 2018 after the Parkland, Florida school shooting that left 14 kids and three staff members dead. (Though few details have been publicly released so far, reports indicate that the Boulder shooter did use some sort of assault rifle.) On Tuesday President Biden renewed his call to reinstate the long-expired federal ban.

There is no doubt that these measures would dramatically reduce gun violence in the United States. Not only do other nations that have stricter gun regulations have far fewer mass shootings — as is the case in Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, and every other developed country — but the federal assault weapons ban, which passed in 1994 and expired in 2004, proved that such a policy is extremely effective. In the 10 years that the federal ban was in place, mass shootings were 70 percent less likely to occur.

Biden spent much of his time during the Obama administration advocating for stricter gun laws, and he helped pass the federal assault weapons ban when he was in the Senate in the 1990s. Now that he's at the helm, he ought to push even harder. And though Republicans on Capitol Hill also have a moral responsibility to stop the gun violence, it's the Democrats who are in charge. If Republicans choose to stonewall responsible gun reform, then the Democrats will have a choice they have to make: Preserve the filibuster or save countless lives. And if it does indeed come to that, the choice should be clear.

This editorial was first published in the Boston Globe.



Remember to thank physicians on National Doctors' Day

Delivering medical care during a global pandemic has required teamwork at the highest level, and doctors are fundamental to this effort. As the country celebrates Doctors' Day on Tuesday, March 30, I invite you to join me in recognizing the heroic work of all physicians. The COVID-19 pandemic has called upon the expertise and skills of our local physicians and many more in the larger medical community who have worked to detect, treat, cure and develop vaccines against this highly infectious disease.

Life has been disrupted by lock-downs and restrictions but chronic diseases and medical crises have kept going. Doctors across Lutheran Health Network (LHN) have been steadfast partners supporting the safety and wellness of patients and our

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Medley**



for their support.

Their knowledge and skills helped the more than 105,000 patient visits to our Emergency Rooms and the more than 34,000 patients admitted to our hospitals last year. While we cared for more than 7,000 COVID-19 positive patients as a network, routine care also continued. Women delivered their newborns, medical emergencies were treated, surgeries were performed and a myriad of other medical concerns were addressed.

community. They've helped us adapt our practices as more is learned about the virus, its treatment and the prevention of spread. I've never been more grateful When lock-downs made it difficult to see patients in person, many providers adapted to new practices, using telehealth visits to ease access. Patients who received care from a practice or urgent care clinic were seen in a safe environment where they could access continuity of care for chronic conditions and routine check-ups. Overall practice and urgent care visits in 2020 total more than 788,500.

On this Doctors' Day, please join me in thanking the physicians you know. Today we acknowledge their contributions, sacrifices, skills and unwavering concern for patients. Let's be sure they know how grateful we are.

Mark Medley is the regional president and CEO of Lutheran Health Network.

What will this economic recovery yield for Indiana?

In the coming months, the U.S. economy will appear as if it is returning to normal. That won't really be the case, but the conversation about the economy will shift from stabilizing and relief to long-term growth. Midwesterners, particularly Hoosiers ought to be very nervous about the next decade. The last economic recovery left the region

**Michael
Hicks**



and our state in relatively worse condition than the Great Recession. There is every reason to believe the next recovery will again leave much of the Midwest farther behind the nation as a whole.

The poor prognosis for the Midwest rests upon the long-term shifts, or what economists call "structural" shifts, of our economy. Consumers spend a dwindling share of their earnings on goods, instead buying services such as recreation, travel, education and healthcare. That trend works against our strengths or "comparative advantage."

These shifting consumer preferences alter the calculus of producing goods and services. The demand for workers nationwide is overwhelmingly for college graduates. As I've repeated in this column, more than 8 in 10 new jobs created since 2010 went to college grads. Over the next decade, nearly all new jobs and most new wage growth will go to those workers with a four-year degree.

This does not mean that less well-educated workers cannot find work. There will be a steady stream of retirements in other occupations. But, it does mean that all the economic growth will only occur in those places with a high share of college graduates. That is very bad news for Indiana, since we are in the bottom third of educational attainment.

Indiana's declining economic position is not an accident. It is the result of numerous policy choices, for several decades, made by elected leaders of both parties. These were not malevolent choices, just myopic ones that ignored a half-century of data about the nation's changing economy. Today, Indiana's economic, education and workforce policies are far more closely aligned to 1962 than 2062, which is when today's high school students will still be a decade away from retirement.

One way to avoid the continued plague of short-sighted policies is to think about economic growth the way economists do. Economists think of growth as being caused by the self-interested efforts of entrepreneurs to combine people and machinery — or what we call capital — to produce goods and services. This might seem like some highfalutin model, but it helps focus government policies.

Government can only promote economic growth by doing things that influence the productivity of people and capital. But, most of what government does has little effect on either worker or capital productivity. Indeed, much is harmful, as a disproportionate share of my columns have noted. But, there are a couple of areas where government action can influence productivity.

The first way is to improve the quality of the government's part of productive capital. The private sector owns most machinery and buildings, but the public sector owns or regulates significant capital. Thus, better bridges, roads, air traffic control systems or how effectively government regulates water, sewer, electricity, and telecommunications access also affects productivity.

States, including Indiana, spend a mind boggling amount of public money to attract new investment. States also try to cut taxes in the belief that capital owners are mostly concerned about the cost of owning that capital. But, capital investment goes to the places where it will be most productive, not where it is cheapest. If that were not so, Manhattan, Palo Alto and Boston would all be an economic wasteland, and Indiana would thrive.

Indiana's problem in attracting capital isn't because venture capitalists don't know about us, rather it is because they know us quite well. The most effective way to improve the productivity of capital is to combine it with highly educated workers, which is why capital disproportionately flows to Manhattan, Palo Alto and Boston, not Indiana.

The most effective way government can affect productivity is by focusing on people, or human capital. The most productive businesses locate and expand in the cities and towns that provide them a pool of well educated and skilled workers. Here we are at a deep disadvantage. From 2010-2019 Indiana's businesses created more jobs for high school dropouts than college graduates. This is that "structural" change that sees advanced manufacturing, high technology and other highly productive sectors fleeing Indiana, and expanding elsewhere.

Fundamentally, Indiana needs to boost educational attainment. As of 2019, Indiana's educational attainment was a full generation behind that of the U.S. as a whole. Indiana has the workforce that is ready for 2004, not 2021. To put that in context, 2004 was the first year with a Bluetooth-enabled Blackberry, the iPod (not iPad) and the concept of "blogging."

The remedy to our educational attainment problem will not be quick or cheap. It will require strategic patience and courage from elected leaders. It takes real political pluck to tell voters the truth about our lagging economic prospects, and to explain to them that we need more money for education from pre-K up through college.

More funding alone will not fix Indiana's educational attainment deficit. It is necessary, not sufficient, but it must be a first step. The quest to better fund schools is not a partisan issue. Underfunding of public services that are critical to the economy has never been a conservative principle. Following a decade of budget cuts and experimentation with schools, we have enough data to draw some pretty clear conclusions. These tax cuts and educational reforms have not yielded us their promise of better educational attainment or economic growth. It is time to get back on track or prepare to face another lost decade.

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, March 28 at Asbury Country Church, Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The worship leader and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Kathy Staggs. The morning message will be, “Protesting and Turmoil in Jerusalem” by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Catholic Church Province of Indianapolis

According to Jennifer Simerman, secretary for communications for Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the following statement has been issued by the Catholic bishops of the Province of Indianapolis, which is comprised of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Gary, Lafayette, Fort Wayne-South Bend and Evansville: “While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation beyond Sunday, Nov. 1 until further notice. The Indiana bishops will continue to monitor the situation to determine when it might be advisable to modify or lift the dispensation.” Specific liturgical directives and recommendations, as well as remote Mass participation and resource options, are available on the diocesan website at www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19.

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., will be at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards’ scripture reading will be Matthew 21:1-17 with a sermon reflection titled “The Corona-

tion.” Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMC Wabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, March 28 services on Palm Sunday at the Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We are still having two in-person mornings Sunday services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski’s message for this Sunday will be, “A Challenging Day” from Luke 19:29-35. The Communion Table will be served by Scott Hendry and John Troyer. There will be a Children’s Church provided for the 10:30 a.m. service, to be taught by John Troyer and Janene Wisniewski. If you can’t make it to the Live Services, Preacher Mark Wisniewski’s sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Lincolnvile United Methodist Church

Lincolnvile United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. There will be an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 27 at the church.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search

“Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. At this time we are not having Sunday School. On Sunday, March 21, Pastor Jack Suits will speak on Ephesians 5:21-6:4, “Relationships – Part 3.” For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Roann United Methodist Church

Pastor Wayne Balmer will have service in person at the church along with being online at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 28. The sermon will be taken from Hebrews 9:11-14 titled, “Sacrifice.” We will be celebrating March birthdays.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The pastor is Greg Wilburn and the youth pastor is Jody Tyner. For more information, call 765-833-9931, fax 765-833-6561 or mail P.O. Box 11, Roann, IN 46974.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Guest Preacher.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of

the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 28 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on “Count the Cost.” The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday servants are Sue White, chairperson; Chris Sands, worship; Rose Sands, piano; and Nancy Kolb, organ.

Walk By Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The “Walk by Faith” Youth Ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. The pastor is Greg Wilburn and the youth pastor is Jody Tyner. For more information, call 765-833-9931, fax 765-833-6561 or mail P.O. Box 11, Roann, IN 46974. Pastor Greg Wilburn says to access his online sermons, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. *Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

IndianaUnclaimed.gov

Pursuant to IC-32-34-1-28(a) legal notice is hereby given to the people and entities listed below who appear to be owners of unclaimed property, which is presumed to be abandoned and has been recently reported to Indiana for the year 2020 only. Please visit www.IndianaUnclaimed.gov for complete list of all properties currently held in the protective custody of the Attorney General’s Office.

Unclaimed Property is not physical real estate or vehicles. It is money or safekeeping property from accounts that have registered inactive. Common examples include lost or forgotten bank balances, unpaid wages, insurance proceeds, safe deposit box contents, stocks & dividends, and utility deposits. Safe Deposit box contents can be purchased through public auction at www.IndianaUnclaimed.gov.

A person or entity having a legal interest in these properties may obtain more information by visiting www.IndianaUnclaimed.gov or calling the Attorney General’s Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246. All claims must be supported by proof of rightful ownership or legitimate representation and state-approved identification. Searching for and claiming property is a free public service provided by the Indiana Attorney General.



STATE OF INDIANA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION

WABASH COUNTY

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15068029	AIREDALE AQUATICS LLC	1257 S 300 E	N MANCHESTER
15003274	ANDERSON FLOYD	1308 CREEKSIDE DR	WABASH
14717625	ALYSIA OLSON PHOTOGRAPHY	5593 SOUTH 600 EAST	WABASH
14211597	ANDERSON ERICA	501 KECH ST. APT. 48	N MANCHESTER
14239638	ANDERSON SHAILEA	1202 CLEAR CREEK TRL	N MANCHESTER
15114985	BEGHTAL ROBIN A	6657 E 1100 N	N MANCHESTER
13860739	BELL NATHAN	434 CHURCH ST	ROANN
13546083	BIELH ROGER J	2386 E 300 N	WABASH
14265785	BIG R STORES	1550 NORTH CASS STREE	WABASH
14406105	BOGGS TRENT	310 ELM STREET	WABASH
14195805	BOWERS CORY		WABASH
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13435843	BRINSON NICHOLAS	1520 S WABASH ST	WABASH
13899257	BROCK MARY	1119 MEADOWVIEW DR AP	WABASH
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Small Texas border town is route to U.S. for migrant children

By ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

ROMA, Texas — As darkness sets on the Rio Grande, U.S. Border Patrol agents hear pumps inflating rafts across the river in Mexico. It is about to get busy.

Within an hour, about 100 people have been dropped off in the United States, including many families with toddlers and children as young as 7 traveling alone. All of them wear numbered yellow plastic wristbands that look like they could be used to get into a concert or amusement park, and everyone rips them off and tosses them on the ground after setting foot in the U.S. Large black letters on the wristbands read, “Entregas,” or “Deliveries,” apparently a mechanism for smugglers to keep track of migrants they are ferrying across the river that separates Texas and Mexico.

Roma, a town of 10,000 people with historic buildings and boarded-up storefronts in Texas’ Rio Grande Valley, is the latest epicenter of illegal crossings, where growing numbers of families and children are entering the United States to seek asylum.

U.S. authorities reported more than 100,000 encounters on the southern border in February, the highest since a four-month streak in 2019. Encounters have averaged about 5,000 people per day throughout March, which would be about a 50 percent increase over February if those figures hold for the entire month, according to a senior Border Patrol official, who spoke to reporters Friday on condition of anonymity to discuss preliminary figures.

More than 16,000 unaccompanied children were in government custody as of Thursday, including about

5,000 in substandard Customs and Border Protection facilities.

President Joe Biden, whom many migrants see as more welcoming than his predecessor, pushed back on suggestions that his administration’s immigration policies are responsible for the rising numbers. At his first news conference since taking office, Biden said Thursday that the government will take steps to more quickly move hundreds of migrant children and teenagers out of cramped detention facilities.

On the Rio Grande, a smuggler balked when a U.S. agent asks him to land downriver on a rare patch of sand, complaining that another agent punctured his raft days earlier. The agent reassures him and negotiates a landing away from gnarly branches.

“Children aboard,” another smuggler shouts to authorities.

As the rafts approached shore Wednesday night, smugglers jumped into the shallow water, lifted children and took the hands of adults lined up single file to get off the rafts. The migrants walked – or are carried – a few steps, and the smuggler turned around for the next passenger without touching dry land.

A 7-year-old girl named Kaylee fought back tears as she bemoaned leaving her phone in the raft. A smuggler tells her she didn’t, and she appears to shrug it off. Her mother’s U.S. phone number is written in black marker on the arm of her shirt.

U.S. agents escort groups of migrants about a half-mile over dirt roads to a dead-end street on the edge of Roma, where other agents at a white folding table examine identification

documents, take names and destinations, and answer questions. Children traveling alone are separated from families, and people put their valuables in plastic bags.

From there, they head to a nearby parking lot and get into buses, vans and SUVs. Unaccompanied children are supposed to be held by CBP no more than 72 hours, but they are often held longer because U.S. Health and Human Services lacks space. Health and Human Services is housing children at the Dallas Convention Center and said it will open emergency facilities at venues or military bases in San Antonio, El Paso, San Diego and elsewhere.

The Biden administration expels nearly all single adults without an opportunity to seek asylum under a public health order issued at the start of the pandemic. They’re about 2,200 of the roughly 5,000 people encountered per day in March, according to the Border Patrol official.

Of that total, about 450 to 500 are unaccompanied minors and the rest are families who are being allowed to stay, at least temporarily, if the children are under 7 and if they can’t immediately be returned to Mexico, which has reduced the number of families it will accept into shelters in the state of Tamaulipas, south of the Rio Grande Valley, the official said.

It’s not unusual to see increases in migrants crossing the border in the spring and summer, and the Border Patrol has faced similar situations in the past. But the official said the large numbers of teens and children and the space limitations resulting from the pandemic have made this year especially difficult.

“The reason this is much

different this year than it has been in previous years is one, we are faced with some unique challenges,” he said.

In 2019, Central American migrants favored crossing in a nearby area in the Rio Grande Valley, which is the busiest corridor for illegal crossings, but a wall built during Donald Trump’s presidency has pushed them closer to Roma, where the channel is relatively narrow but the current is brisk.

A 17-year-old from El Salvador said he left home recently because he felt threatened by gangs and believes Biden is sympathetic to migrants. Asked how he knew of Biden’s positions, he said, “people who talk.”

Maynor Cruz, 29, said Biden’s policies had nothing to do with his decision to leave San Pedro Sula, Honduras, about two months ago, but he heard that families with young children were being allowed to remain in the United States.

Cruz said he was happy to be in the U.S. after a treacherous journey through Mexico, during which someone tried to kidnap his daughter. He left Honduras with his wife and children, ages 7 and 2, because he lost his job in a condiment factory when the pandemic struck and his home was destroyed by a tropical storm in November. He was able to raise enough money for the journey through family in the United States.

“It’s difficult to begin from zero (in Honduras) with what you earn there,” he said.

At the river, a lull set in after the initial rush. CBP reported that it took 681 unaccompanied children into custody Wednesday, a total that excludes Mexicans, who are typically returned immediately.

Biden calls Georgia voting law ‘Jim Crow in 21st century’

By JEFF AMY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — President Joe Biden criticized Georgia’s new voting law again Friday, saying its Republican sponsors were trying “to deny people the right to vote” and that the measure was “a blatant attack on the Constitution and good conscience.”

Biden renewed his call for Congress to pass nationwide voting standards that would include automatic voter registration nationwide, allow former felons to vote and limit the ways states can remove registered voters from the rolls. Such a bill passed the Democratic-controlled House earlier this month but faces opposition from Republicans who call it a federal voting takeover. It would expand voting by mail, promote early voting and give states money to track absentee ballots.

“This is Jim Crow in the 21st century,” Biden said in a statement. “It must end. We have a moral and constitutional obligation to act.”

The new Georgia law requires a photo identification to vote absentee by mail. It also shortens how long voters have to request an absentee ballot and limits where ballot drop boxes can be placed and when they can be used. Republicans said Georgia needed to restore the confidence of voters who believed President Donald Trump’s baseless claims of widespread fraud. They also noted that the law increases the number of in-person early voting days on weekends.

“We’re expanding the right to vote in Georgia,” Republican Gov. Brian Kemp said Thursday.

Democrats say the law is a power grab by Republicans who are threatened by Joe Biden’s presidential victory in Georgia in November and the twin Democratic victories of U.S. Sens. Raphael Warnock and John Ossoff in January.

Three voter-mobilization groups sued late Thursday to block the law, alleging that it violates the First and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution and illegally hurts Black voters under the federal Voting Rights Act.

Biden’s statements came Friday as an attorney for a Georgia lawmaker charged with two felonies after knocking on the door to the governor’s private office said authorities overreached in the case. The arrest unfolded while the governor spoke on live television about the overhaul of state elections.

State police arrested state Rep. Park Cannon, an Atlanta Democrat, on Thursday after she said she wanted to see Republican Gov. Brian Kemp sign the law.

Cannon was charged with obstruction of law enforcement and disruption of the General Assembly. She was released from jail late Thursday.

A state police spokesman said Cannon knocked on the

door to the public lobby of the governor’s office, and then shifted to knocking on a door to a private area.

“She was advised that she was disturbing what was going on inside and if she did not stop, she would be placed under arrest,” Lt. W. Mark Riley wrote in a statement.

Kemp signed the bill before he began speaking. He interrupted his televised remarks while Cannon was knocking and later resumed the speech.

“This was a law enforcement overreach on all the charges, and my hope is that after examining the file, the district attorney will dismiss the charges,” Cannon’s lawyer, Gerald Griggs, said Friday. Griggs said he had already spoken to Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis.

Georgia’s constitution says lawmakers “shall be free from arrest” during meetings of the General Assembly “except for treason, felony, or breach of the peace.”

Griggs questioned whether felony charges, with mandatory prison terms, were merited. A warrant claims Cannon resisted arrest by stomping on an officer’s feet, but Griggs said he’s seen no video supporting that accusation.

Griggs questioned whether the felony charge for disruption of the General Assembly could be applied because first and second offenses are misdemeanors, while only third and later offenses are felonies. Cannon has never been charged or convicted under that law before, Griggs said.

The law against disrupting a legislative meeting was challenged as unconstitutional in a lawsuit filed last year after people including Nikema Williams, then a state senator and now a U.S. representative, were arrested at the Capitol while protesting election results in 2018. All charges were dismissed in 2019.

Cannon had another run-in with officers in February. She and others held a two-hour sit-in on a Capitol stairway after Cannon said it was improper that a police officer led her away while Democrats were protesting voting bills. Cannon put her ear up to the bullhorn of an officer ordering protesters to disperse and then demanded an apology from another officer who moved her away.

A crowd of Cannon supporters including Warnock gathered Thursday outside the Fulton County jail awaiting Cannon’s release.

“We will not live in fear, and we will not be controlled,” Cannon wrote on social media after being released. “We have a right to our future and a right to our freedom.”

Warnock said Cannon is a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church, where he is the pastor, and he visited her inside the jail before her release.

“We are praying for her, we are praying for her family, but also for the soul of our democracy,” Warnock told reporters outside the jail.

Tornado outbreak and severe storms across Deep South; at least 5 dead

By BUTCH DILL
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OHATCHEE, Ala. — Tornadoes and severe storms tore through the Deep South, killing at least five people as strong winds splintered trees, wrecked homes and downed power lines.

Multiple twisters sprang from a “super cell” of storms that rolled over western Georgia early Friday after spawning as many as eight tornadoes in Alabama on Thursday, said John De Block, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Birmingham.

One large, dangerous tornado moved through Newnan, destroying homes there and damaging others in surrounding communities west of Atlanta, meteorologists said.

A day earlier, one tornado formed in southwest Alabama and carved up the ground for more than an hour Thursday, traveling roughly 100 miles and causing heavy damage in the city of Centreville, south of Tuscaloosa.

De Block said it dissipated in Shelby County, where another twister had already heavily damaged homes and businesses and devastated the landscape. The county is home to suburban Birmingham cities such as Pelham and Helena and the unincorporated subdivision of Eagle Point – all suffering heavy damage.

Still another of the eight suspected tornadoes that hit the state killed five people in Calhoun County.

“Five people lost their lives and for those families, it will never be the same,” Calhoun County Sheriff Matthew Wade said at briefing Thursday evening. Coroner Pat Brown identified them Friday to Al.com as Joe Wayne Harris, 74, Bar-

bara Harris, 69, Ebonique Harris, 28; Emily Myra Wilborn, 72, and James William Geno, 72.

One of the victims in the hard-hit town of Ohatchee in eastern Alabama, a small community of about 1,170 people, was Dwight Jennings’s neighbor. Geno went by J.W. and had been a rodeo bull rider in his youth. He could make anything out of wood, and loved to catfish, Jennings said. They had planned to go fishing this weekend; instead he spent hours searching for Geno’s dog before the animal was found alive.

Reports of tornado damage in the Newnan area began coming in shortly after midnight. One-hundred-year-old trees were toppled and power lines downed.

Stephen Brown, fire chief in the city of Newnan said during a televised morning news conference that rescue teams were methodically checking every structure and assessing the destruction. They’ve found “heavy, heavy damage” in parts of the city’s historic district, he said.

“It’ll never look the same,” Brown said. But he also complimented the resiliency of the community. “They’re out. They’re working. Family members are coming out there and they’re already on their own doing the clean-up.”

The bad weather stretched across the southern U.S., raising concerns of thunderstorms and flooding in parts of Tennessee, Kentucky and the Carolinas. Emergency responders hospitalized one person in Sumner County, Tennessee, and the Nashville Fire Department posted photos on Twitter showing large trees down, damaged homes and streets blocked by debris.

More than 150,000 people were without power Friday in Ohio and Pennsylvania

after 50 mph wind gusts ripped across the region. Forecasters reported peak gusts of 63 mph in Marysville, Ohio. Some 23,000 customers remained without electricity in Alabama, according to poweroutage.us.

Some school districts from Alabama to Ohio canceled or delayed class Friday due to damage and power outages.

In the Alabama city of Pelham, James Dunaway said he initially ignored the tornado warning on his phone, but then he heard a twister approaching. He had just enough time to leave the upstairs bedroom where he had been watching television for an interior hallway before the roof and sides of his house blew off. His bedroom was left fully exposed.

“I’m very lucky to be alive,” Dunaway, 75, told Al.com.

Firefighters outside a flattened home in the Eagle Point subdivision, also in Shelby County, said the family that lived there made it out alive. Nearby homes were roofless or missing their second stories.

Farther west in Centreville, Cindy Smitherman and her family and neighbors – eight people in all – huddled in their underground storm pit as a twister passed over their home.

A tree fell on the shelter door, trapping them inside until someone came with a chain saw to help free them, said Smitherman, 62. They emerged to see downed trees, overturned cars and a destroyed workshop on the property.

“I’m just glad we’re alive,” she said.

Centreville Mayor Mike Oakley told ABC 33/40 news that at the local airport, “We have airplanes torn apart like toys. We’ve got homes along here that are totally destroyed, trees down, power lines down.

It’s pretty devastating.”

White House press secretary Jen Psaki on Friday extended condolences to the victims. She said they’re in close communication with state and local officials, and haven’t received any requests for federal assistance yet.

First lady Jill Biden postponed a trip to Birmingham and Jasper, Alabama, that she had planned for Friday because of the severe weather, her office said.

“Thinking of everyone in Alabama and all of those impacted by the severe weather across the South tonight. My prayers are with the grieving families. Please stay safe,” Biden tweeted late Thursday.

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Man held in New Jersey killing charged in New Mexico deaths

By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A man accused in the beating death of a New Jersey resident he claimed sexually abused him as a child was charged Friday with killing his ex-wife and two others in New Mexico in what investigators call a complicated case spanning multiple states.

The new charges come about a week after investigators searched a house where Sean Lannon, his ex-wife and their children lived in the city of Grants, about 80 miles west of Albuquerque.

The remains of Jennifer Lannon, two of her friends and an Albuquerque man were found earlier this month inside a vehicle at a parking garage at the Albuquerque airport about a month after they were reported missing.

Charges related to the death of the Albuquerque man have yet to be filed.

Authorities also have been looking into Sean Lannon's claims that he killed 11 other people in New Mexico, but police have said there were no records of people missing from the area or other police reports that would indicate there are potential victims.

Authorities said in court documents that Lannon, 47, admitted to the additional killings in a phone call to a relative.

Lannon remains in custody in New Jersey on charges stemming from Michael Dabkowski's killing.

Lannon is accused of breaking in to the 66-year-old's New Jersey home, just south of Philadelphia, and beating him to death with a hammer, according to an affidavit. Lannon told investigators that Dabkowski had sexually abused him as a child and that he had gone to the home to retrieve sexually explicit

photos.

Dabkowski's body was discovered March 8, three days after the remains were found in New Mexico.

Lannon was driving Dabkowski's car when he arrested March 10 in St. Louis. Authorities are not sure why he was in Missouri.

At the time, he was considered only a person of interest in the New Mexico slayings and detectives from Albuquerque traveled to St. Louis to interview him before he was extradited to New Jersey.

Assistant deputy public defender Ronald Appleby has declined to comment on the New Jersey charge. A court hearing in that case is scheduled for April 8.

Sean and Jennifer Lannon lived in New Jersey before moving to New Mexico a few years ago — before he filed for divorce.

Court records related to the couple's divorce and custody case showed that Sean Lannon was awarded sole custody of the couple's three children in 2019 and that a protective plan from the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department included only supervised visitation by their mother over concerns at the time about the potential for neglect due to prescription drug abuse.

Relatives say Sean Lannon flew to New Jersey in early March with the couple's three children — 6- and 7-year-old girls and a 4-year-old boy. He took them to his parents' house and left again, saying he was going to look for his ex-wife, whom he claimed had run off with friends. Her family became worried, saying it wasn't like her to be without her children.

The others killed in New Mexico were identified as Matthew Miller, 21, and Jesten Mata, 40, of Grants, and Randal Apostalon, 60, of Albuquerque.



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Pictured left to right are Grow Wabash County vice president Tenille Zartman, Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater, Pathfinder Services controller Larry Carr, Pathfinder Services real estate manager Tim Federsieel, Wabash City Council president John Burnsworth, Pathfinder Services president and CEO Danielle Tips, Pathfinder Services chief financial officer Diana Laux, Pathfinder Services community supports coordinator Lynn Thompson, Pathfinder Services team leader Jessika Taylor, Pathfinder Services QDDP / case coordinator Kim Seibold, Pathfinder Services employment specialist Anna Lamson and Pathfinder Services community-based inclusion coordinator Amy Thornberry.

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The city contributed \$20,000 to the project to help with the installation of water and utility services.

Following opening remarks by Tips, Wabash City Council President John Burnsworth read the official proclamation from Mayor Scott Long. Burnsworth also filled in for Long at Monday's Wabash City Council meeting.

"Family, friends, and community members can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities," said Burnsworth. "That happens when the family and community are provided with necessary support

services and when public and private employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged in competitive work in inclusive settings."

Tuesday's ceremony is just one event planned by Pathfinder Services to celebrate Disability Awareness Month.

Hahn said a proclamation similar to Wabash's was read by Huntington Mayor Richard Strick on Monday, March 8 at the Pathfinder Services Huntington office, at 2824 Theater Avenue in Huntington.

"Across the State of Indiana, this marks the 31st year for communities to hold events to help raise awareness and understanding of difficulties people with disabilities face each day," said

Tips. "We know that not all disabilities are visible, so through the events we have scheduled, we are encouraging all Hoosiers to take an active role in the support and inclusion of people with disabilities."

From Monday, March 8 through Friday, March 12, Pathfinder Services held Spirit Week, with different colors representing different disabilities each day. Yellow was worn on Monday to highlight Communication Disabilities, blue on Tuesday for Intellectual Disabilities, green on Wednesday for Psychological Disabilities, orange on Thursday for Physical Disabilities and purple every Friday in March for Disability Awareness Month in general.

Other events in Huntington included storytime with Strick at Pathfinder Kids Kampus and a collaborative art project with Strick and artists served by Pathfinder Community Supports at Creative Abilities in the Café of Hope.

Hahn said the festivities aren't over in Wabash this month either, as another ribbon-cutting, this time for their new group home on Half Street has been planned for 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 30.

For more information, Hahn may be reached by email at nhahn@pathfinder-services.org.

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O.J. Neighbours Elementary School Principal Nijaul Drollinger hands out "The Duchess and Guy" by Nancy Furstinger and illustrated by Julia Bereciartu to Mrs. Keaffaber's kindergarten class.

BOOKS

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classes that received books included O.J. Neighbours Elementary School, Southwood Elementary School, Metro North Elementary

School and Manchester Elementary School.

In total, 534 books were distributed throughout the county Title I schools and early learning centers.

Wion said the few remaining books were donated to B.A.B.E. of Wabash County.

"Wabash County United Fund is grateful that The Lisa Libraries chose to partner with us in this important effort," said Wion.

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GOOD FRIDAY

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will be received for the Fellowship of Churches ministry.

"Community members are encouraged to attend over their lunch hour as the service will end before 1 p.m.," said Morbitzer.

In addition to the two combined celebrations, Dora Christian Church Preacher Mark Wisniewski in Lagro said everyone was invited

to attend their special Good Friday service starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 2.

This is not the first time over the past few months of the pandemic that local churches have combined forces to celebrate their special holidays.

In April 2020, the Fellowship of Churches held Easter Drive-In services in the parking lot of Manchester High School, with 92 cars and around 230 attendees attending.

And in December 2020,

Wabash Presbyterian Church Pastor Jonathan P. Cornell said his church, along with First United Methodist Church and Wabash Friends Church partnered to host a Christmas Eve service at the 13-24 Drive-In.

For additional information on next week's North Manchester Good Friday service, call 260-982-4399 or 260-982-8357.

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Manchester baseball downs Bluffton 11-8

The Spartans will host Rose-Hulman on Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University baseball team slugged three home runs on a windy day at Gratz Field in its 11-8 victory over the Bluffton University Beavers on Wednesday, March 24.

The Black and Gold hit a pair of homers as part of a five-run third

inning. Senior Joe Henschel, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, opened the scoring for Manchester with a long ball over the wall in right-center. It was Henschel's fourth home run of the season. A few batters later, sophomore Brady Perez, from Rochester, hit a two-run home run to left-center to put the Spartans ahead 3-1.

Michael Pinarski, from Goshen, and Brett Kron, from Cincinnati, Ohio, and Oak Hills High School, would double and single home a

run, respectively, to cap the five-run third inning.

Manchester continued to see the ball well offensively as it added a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Bluffton responded with a pair of runs in the sixth inning. However, Michael Pinarski provided an insurance run in the home half of the frame with a solo shot to left.

The Spartans added three more runs in the bottom of the seventh inning and junior Austin Kresl,

from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, closed the door in the ninth inning to secure the victory. Kresl picked up his first career collegiate save on Wednesday.

The Spartans racked up 14 hits against the Beavers on Wednesday. Both Brett Kron and Alex Morr, from Bryan, Ohio, collected three hits, while Michael Pinarski, Joe Henschel, and Jacob Van Pelt, from Parker City and Delta High School, each had two hits apiece. Brady Perez led the Black and

Gold with 3 RBI, while Van Pelt, Pinarski, and Kron all drove in a pair of runs.

Jacob Van Pelt pitched five innings, giving up four runs while striking out five en route to his second win of the season.

Manchester improved to 4-7 on the season. The Spartans will host Rose-Hulman on Saturday, March 27. The first pitch is slated for noon.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Pair of Spartan seniors listed as 'Golfers to Watch' by HCAC

Head coach Tara Boone is in her ninth year leading the MU women's golf program

By DILLON BENDER

As the 2021 spring sports calendar kicks into high gear, the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) announced its pre-season poll for women's golf on Tuesday, March 2.

The Rose-Hulman Fighting Engineers were picked to repeat as league champions this spring, in a vote amongst league coaches. RHIT led the poll with 79 points. Transylvania University was predicted to finish second at this spring's championships, earning 71 points. Both Franklin and Hanover College tied for third place in the preseason poll, garnering 54 points each. Mount St. Joseph earned 48 points, good for fifth-place.

Manchester University was a very narrow sixth-place,

picking up 47 points. The Spartans placed third at the 2019 HCAC Championships – its highest HCAC finish since 2008 – and return a fair amount of experience from last year's squad; expect the Spartans to compete towards a top-four placement again this spring.

A pair of Spartan seniors were tabbed as "Golfers to Watch" by the HCAC.

Senior Kaitlyn Cook, from Monticello and Twin Lakes High School, is a four-year member of the MU women's golf program. Cook is a two-time HCAC Women's Golfer of the Week honoree and set new school records for the lowest first round score (75) and the lowest two-day score (152) last year.

Fellow senior Taylor Erfman, from Brookeville and Franklin County High



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Senior Kaitlyn Cook, from Monticello and Twin Lakes High School, is a four-year member of the MU women's golf program.

School, was also named a "Golfer to Watch" on Tuesday. Erfman placed seventh at last year's conference championships, earning All-HCAC honors in the process.



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Spartans drop HCAC contest at Anderson

Manchester will host the Mount St. Joseph Lions on Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University women's soccer team fell on the road this afternoon in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference action at Anderson University by a final score of 5-1.

The host Ravens scored a quick flurry of goals early in the opening period to seize control of Wednesday's contest.

Manchester got on the scoreboard in the 67th minute following the first goal of the season by junior Jayden Mur-

ray, from Delphi and Rossville Consolidated High School.

Anderson held an 18-3 advantage in shots taken and held a narrow 6-3 margin in corner kicks taken on Wednesday.

Spartan keepers Becca Colbert, from Porter and Chesterton High School, and Cate Bennett, from Hartford City and Blackford High School, combined for six saves in goal.

Manchester will host the Mount St. Joseph Lions on Saturday, March 27, at 1 p.m. in Spartan Stadium. Saturday's match will also be Senior Day for the Black and Gold.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester men's tennis drops HCAC road match at Anderson

The Spartans host Trine in a non-conference match on Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester men's tennis team dropped a Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference road match at rival Anderson on Tuesday, March 23.

The Ravens defeated the Spartans by a final tally of 8-1.

Both the no. 1 and no. 2 doubles matches were close on Tuesday. Anderson's two

duos narrowly edged the Spartan duos of Isaac Miller and Samuel Hollingsworth and Andrew Kibler and Austin Arnold by final counts of 8-5 in each flight.

Isaac Miller, from Millersburg and Fairfield High School, picked up a 6-1, 7-5 win at no. 1 singles over Anderson's Colton Stevens on Tuesday.

Manchester (2-6, 0-2 HCAC) will host Trine University in a non-conference match at the MU Tennis Courts on Saturday, March 27. Match time is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Trine softball edges Spartans on Tuesday

Manchester will host Rose-Hulman on Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

After nearly being no-hit in the first game of Tuesday's non-conference softball doubleheader at No. 22 Trine, the Manchester Spartans nearly pulled off a major upset in the second game of its twin bill against the Thunder.

Trine rallied to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh and completed its comeback with a run in extra innings to win by a final score of 8-7.

Trine clocked in at No. 22 in the most recent National Fastpitch Coaches Associ-

ation (NFCA) Division III poll and entered play today with an overall record of 4-2. The Thunder had a win against nationally-ranked Transylvania and its only two losses came against a top 10 DePauw squad. Manchester was seeking its first-ever win over a nationally-ranked foe.

After being limited to only one hit in the first game, the Spartan offense scored seven runs on eight hits in Game 2.

The Black and Gold scored 4 runs in the top of the 3rd inning to grab an early lead over the Thunder. Kodi Douglass, from Huntington and Huntington North High School, got the Spartans on the scoreboard with a run-scoring single to left.

Page Magner, from North Vernon and Jennings County High School, singled home another run with a base hit up the middle. An error in the field by Trine allowed two more Spartans to score in the inning.

Trine battled right back with five runs of its own in the home half of the 3rd. Manchester's offense continued to sizzle as the Spartans responded with a trio of runs in the top of the 4th to retake the lead.

Kodi Douglass doubled home a run to tie the game and then Kendal Torrence, from Lowell, followed with a 2-run double down the line in left to give the Spartans a 7-5 advantage.

The Thunder clawed back

into Game 2 with a run in the home half of the fifth inning, and eventually tied the game with one out in the bottom of the seventh.

TU completed its comeback in the bottom of the eighth after a Spartan error in the field allowed the Thunder runner to score from second.

Kodi Douglass, Kendal Torrence, and Alexis Mokos, from Cedar Lake and Hanover Central High School, all had two hits for Manchester.

Manchester will host Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology at the MU Softball Field on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 1 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

NCAA's Midwest Region full of upsets, not surprises

By DAVE SKRETTA

AP Basketball Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — It is the region that has caused more busted NCAA Tournament brackets than any other, the quadrant where No. 1 seed Illinois was sent packing by Loyola Chicago, West Virginia was dumped by a team that barely made the field, and Tennessee and Oklahoma State failed to survive the first weekend.

Then again, maybe the unpredictable Midwest Region should have been a bit more ... predictable.

Take the Ramblers, those perennial overachievers powered by the prayers of Sister Jean. They were in the Final Four just two years ago, have an All-American center in Cameron Krutwig and a coach who has been through this before.

Their opponent on Saturday, Oregon State, romped through the Pac-12 tourney and has lost only once in the last five weeks. The Beavers' coach, Wayne Tinkle, once took Montana to three NCAA Tournaments in a four-year span.

Surprising? Sounds more like two schools that belong. Kind of like Syracuse and



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Illinois' Kofi Cockburn dunks the ball against Loyola's Cameron Krutwig during the first half in the second round game of the 2021 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament at Bankers Life Fieldhouse on March 21.

Houston, who meet in the other regional semifinal Saturday.

The Orange, who went on a late-season charge just to make the dance, have the hottest player left in Buddy Boeheim. His dad, Jim, has merely led Syracuse to five Final Four appearances and a national title.

They will face the Cougars, who have lived up to their billing as the No. 2 seed. They're in their second straight Sweet 16, have an All-American themselves in Quentin Grimes and a coach in Kelvin Sampson who once

took Oklahoma to the Final Four. Pretty good pedigrees for a couple of teams few thought belonged.

"We're never going to just out-talent you, although we have talented kids. But we're 26-3," said Sampson, who also has led Washington State and Indiana to the tournament during his stellar if stormy coaching career.

"We've lost some games maybe we could have had back, but that's OK," he said. "You're going to lose some games. We've won some games that without our culture we would have lost. Our

kids believe in it. It's something to believe in."

In truth, all four schools still alive in the Midwest Region have cultures that form the foundation for their success. And they were laid down by coaches who have two things in common: They are frequently written off and they just keep winning.

Porter Moser's success with the Ramblers has him linked to about every head coaching vacancy that pops up, including one in his own backyard at DePaul and another down the road in Bloomington, Indiana. Yet few remember that just over a decade ago he'd been fired by Illinois State and was rehabbing his career as an assistant at Saint Louis.

"Whatever field you're in, when you're young, you're so much about the trajectory," Moser said. "You're so focused on, 'I've got to win. I've got to get to this level. I've got to make this much money. I've got to get here, and here.'"

"And you're never happy and you don't enjoy the journey," Moser continued. "I've been so in the moment of enjoying the journey the last five, six years, the people I'm with and being happy, and then the success comes."

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NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT	At Lucas Oil Stadium National Semifinals Saturday, April 3
At Comerica Center QUARTERFINALS Thursday, March 25	TBD vs. TBD, TBD TBD vs. TBD, TBD
Mississippi State 68, Richmond 67 Colorado St. 65, NC State 61 Memphis 59, Boise St. 56 Louisiana Tech 72, W. Kentucky 65	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Monday, April 5 Semifinal winners, TBA
SEMIFINALS Saturday, March 27 Colorado St. vs. Memphis, Noon Mississippi St. vs. Louisiana Tech, 3 p.m.	NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT
CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, March 28 Semifinal winners, Noon	ALAMO REGION At Alamodome Regional Semifinals Sunday, March 28
NCAA MEN'S TOURNAMENT	Stanford vs. Missouri St., 3 p.m. Louisville vs. Oregon, 7 p.m.
EAST REGIONAL Regional Semifinals Sunday, March 28 At Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Regional Championship Monday, March 29 Semifinal winners, TBA
Michigan vs. Florida St., 5 p.m. At Hinkle Fieldhouse	HEMISFAIR REGION At Alamodome Regional Semifinals Sunday, March 28
Alabama vs. UCLA, 7:15 p.m. Regional Championship Monday, March 29 Semifinal winners, TBA	South Carolina vs. Georgia Tech, 1 p.m. Maryland vs. Texas, 9 p.m.
SOUTH REGIONAL Regional Semifinals Saturday, March 27 At Hinkle Fieldhouse	Regional Championship Monday, March 29 Semifinal winners, TBA
Baylor vs. Villanova, 5:15 p.m. At Bankers Life Fieldhouse	RIVER WALK REGION At Alamodome Regional Semifinals Saturday, March 27
Arkansas vs. Oral Roberts, 7:25 p.m. Regional Championship Monday, March 29 Semifinal winners, TBA	UConn vs. Iowa, 1 p.m. Baylor vs. Michigan, 3 p.m.
MIDWEST REGIONAL Regional Semifinals Saturday, March 27 At Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Regional Championship Monday, March 29 Semifinal winners, TBA
Loyola Chicago vs. Oregon St., 2:40 p.m. At Hinkle Fieldhouse	MERCADO REGION At Alamodome Regional Semifinals Saturday, March 27
Houston vs. Syracuse, 9:55 p.m. Regional Championship Monday, March 29 Semifinal winners, TBA	NC State vs. Indiana, 6 p.m. Texas A&M vs. Arizona, 8 p.m.
WEST REGIONAL Regional Semifinals Sunday, March 28 At Hinkle Fieldhouse	Regional Championship Monday, March 29 Semifinal winners, TBA
Gonzaga vs. Creighton, 2:10 p.m. At Bankers Life Fieldhouse	FINAL FOUR At Alamodome San Antonio National Semifinals Friday, April 2
Southern Cal vs. Oregon, 9:45 p.m. Regional Championship Monday, March 29 Semifinal winners, TBA	TBD vs. TBD, TBD TBD vs. TBD, TBD
	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, April 4 Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

China outlines COVID origin findings, ahead of WHO report

By **KEN MORITSUGU**
Associated Press

BEIJING — Chinese officials briefed diplomats Friday on the ongoing research into the origin of COVID-19, ahead of the expected release of a long-awaited report from the World Health Organization.

The briefing appeared to be an attempt by China to get out its view on the report, which has become enmeshed in a diplomatic spat. The U.S. and others have raised questions about Chinese influence and the independence of the findings, and China has accused critics of politicizing a scientific study.

“Our purpose is to show our openness and transparency,” said Yang Tao, a Foreign Ministry official. “China fought the epidemic in a transparent manner and has nothing to hide.”

The report, which has been delayed repeatedly, is based on a visit earlier this year by a WHO team of international experts to Wuhan, the city in central China where infections from a new coronavirus were first reported in late 2019.

The experts worked with Chinese counterparts, and both sides have to agree on the final report. It’s unclear when it will come out.

Feng Zijian, a Chinese team member and the deputy director of China’s Center for Disease Control and Prevention, said the experts examined four possible ways the virus got to Wuhan.

They are: a bat carrying the virus infected a human, a bat infected an intermediate mammal that spread it to a human, shipments of cold or frozen food, and a laboratory that researches viruses in Wuhan.

The experts voted on the hypotheses after in-depth discussion and concluded one of the two animal routes or the cold chain was most likely how it was transmitted. A lab leak was viewed as extremely unlikely, Feng said.

His remarks were reported by state broadcaster CCTV,

which said envoys from 50 countries and the League of Arab States and the African Union attended the briefing at the Foreign Ministry.

“China firmly opposes certain countries’ attempts to politicize the origin tracing issue and make groundless accusations and hold China accountable,” the ministry said in an online post about the briefing.

Separately, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said, “I would like to stress that virus tracing is a scientific issue that should be studied by scientists through cooperation.”

She told reporters that the experts are still discussing the contents and translation of the report, and she did not know when it would be released.

At a press briefing later Friday in Geneva, the World Health Organization expert who led WHO’s China mission said the nearly 400-page report was finalized and in the process of being fact-checked and translated.

“I expect that in the next few days, that whole process will be completed and we will be able to release it publicly,” WHO expert Peter Ben Embarek said.

At a Biden administration health briefing Friday, U.S. CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said the agency was looking forward to the release of the WHO report.

Dr. Anthony Fauci said the explanation that “most public health officials agree with” about how COVID-19 appeared in humans is that the virus was likely spreading in China below the radar for several weeks, allowing it to be well adapted by the time it was recognized.

The government’s top infectious disease expert’s comments came in response to speculation by former CDC head Robert Redfield on CNN that COVID-19 came from a lab.

“What he likely was expressing is that there certainly are possibilities ... of how a virus adapts itself to a efficient spread among humans,” Fauci said.

Trains crash in southern Egypt, killing at least 32

By **NOHA ELHENNAWY**
Associated Press

CAIRO — Two trains crashed Friday in southern Egypt, killing at least 32 people and injuring 165, authorities said in the latest of a series of deadly accidents on the country’s troubled railways.

Someone apparently activated the emergency brakes on the passenger train, and it was rear-ended by another train, causing two cars to derail and flip on their side, Egypt’s Railway Authorities said, although Prime Minister Mustafa Madbouly later added that no cause has been determined. The passenger train was headed to the Mediterranean port of Alexandria, north of Cairo, rail officials said.

Video showed twisted piles of metal with passengers covered with dust trapped inside — some bleeding and others unconscious. Bystanders removed the dead and laid them on the ground nearby.

One passenger was heard shouting on the video, “Help us! People are dying!” A female passenger appeared to be upside down, squeezed under the seats, and was crying, “Get me out, boy!”

More than 100 ambulances were sent to the scene in the province of Sohag, about 270 miles south of Cairo, Health Minister Hala Zayed said, and the injured were taken to four hospitals. Injuries included broken bones, cuts and bruises.

Two planes carrying a total of 52 doctors, mostly surgeons, were sent to Sohag, she added at a news conference in the province, accompanied by Madbouly, who added that a military plane would bring those needing special surgery to Cairo.

Chief Prosecutor Hamada el-Sawy was on the scene to

investigate the crash, he said. “The (railway) service has been neglected for decades to an extent that made it quite outdated and extremely dangerous,” Madbouly told reporters. “We have spent billions to upgrade the railway but we still have a long way to go in order to complete all the required work.”

The government will pay the equivalent of \$6,400 in compensation to each family that had a relative killed, Madbouly said, while the injured will get between \$1,280 to \$2,560, depending on how badly they were hurt.

President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi said he was monitoring the situation and that those responsible would receive “a deterrent punishment.”

“The pain that tears our hearts today cannot but make us more determined to end this type of disasters,” he wrote on his Facebook page.

Egypt’s rail system has a history of badly maintained equipment and mismanagement, and official figures said there were 1,793 train accidents in 2017.

In 2018, a passenger train derailed near the southern city of Aswan, injuring at least six people and prompting authorities to fire the chief of the country’s railways. The same year, el-Sissi said the government needed about \$14.1 billion to overhaul the rail system. Those remarks came a day after a passenger train collided with a cargo train, killing at least 12 people.

A year earlier, two passenger trains collided just outside Alexandria, killing 43. In 2016, at least 51 people were killed when two commuter trains collided near Cairo.

Egypt’s deadliest train crash was in 2002, when over 300 people were killed after fire broke out in a train traveling from Cairo to southern Egypt.

Maritime traffic jam grows outside blocked Suez Canal

By **SAMY MAGDY**
Associated Press

SUEZ, Egypt — A maritime traffic jam grew to more than 200 vessels Friday outside the Suez Canal and some vessels began changing course as dredgers worked frantically to free a giant container ship that is stuck sideways in the waterway and disrupting global shipping.

One salvage expert said freeing the cargo ship, the Ever Given, could take up to a week in the best-case scenario and warned of possible structural problems on the vessel as it remains wedged.

The Ever Given, owned by the Japanese firm Shoen Kisen KK, got wedged Tuesday in a single-lane stretch of the canal, about 3.7 miles north of the southern entrance, near the city of Suez.

A team from Boskalis, a Dutch firm specializing in salvaging, is working with the canal authority, using tugboats and a specialized suction dredger that is trying to remove sand and mud from around the port side of the bow. Egyptian authorities have prohibited media access to the site.

An attempt Friday to free it failed, said Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement, the technical manager of the Ever Given. Plans are in the works to pump water from interior spaces of the vessel, and two more tugs should arrive by Sunday, the company said.

The Suez Canal Authority said it welcomed international assistance. The White House said it has offered to help Egypt reopen the canal. “We are consulting with our Egyptian partners about how we can best support their efforts,” press secretary Jen Psaki said.

The canal authority released a video showing Lt. Gen. Osama Rabei inspecting efforts to free the Ever

Given and telling workers: “Good luck, God willing.”

An initial investigation showed the vessel ran aground due to strong winds and ruled out mechanical or engine failure as a cause, the company said. GAC, a global shipping and logistics company, had previously said the ship had experienced a power blackout, but it did not elaborate.

Bernhard Schulte said two canal pilots had been aboard the ship when it got stuck. Such an arrangement is customary, but the ship’s captain retains ultimate authority over the vessel, according to shipping experts.

In addition to the over 200 vessels waiting near the canal, more than 100 ships were en route to the waterway, according to the data firm Refinitiv.

Apparently anticipating long delays, the owners of the stuck vessel diverted a sister ship, the Ever Greet, to head around Africa instead, according to satellite data.

Others also are being diverted to avoid the canal. The liquid natural gas carrier Pan Americas changed course in the mid-Atlantic, now aiming south to go around the southern tip of Africa, according to satellite data from MarineTraffic.com.

About 10 percent of world trade flows through the canal, which is particularly crucial for the transport of oil. The closure also could affect oil and gas shipments to Europe from the Middle East.

Oil markets are absorbing the disruption for now, said analyst Toril Bosoni.

“Oil inventories have been coming down but they are still relatively ample,” he told The Associated Press, adding that he believes the impact might be more pronounced in the tanker sector than in the oil industry.

“We are not losing any oil supply but it will tie up

tankers for longer if they have to go around” the tip of Africa, he said, which is roughly an additional two-week trip.

At the White House, Psaki added that the U.S. does see “some potential impacts on energy markets from the role of the Suez Canal as a key bidirectional transit route for oil. ... We’re going to continue to monitor market conditions and we’ll respond appropriately if necessary, but it is something we’re watching closely.”

Freeing the Ever Given is “quite a challenge” and could take five days to a week, Capt. Nick Sloane, a maritime salvage expert who led the high-profile effort to salvage the cruise ship Costa Concordia in 2012 told the AP.

The Ever Given’s location, size and large amount of cargo make the operation more complex, Sloane said. The operation should focus initially on dredging the bank and sea floor around it to get it floating again, rather than unloading its cargo, which could take weeks.

That’s because the clock is also ticking structurally for the vessel, he added.

“The longer it takes, the worse the condition of the ship will become, because she’s slowly sagging,” said Sloane, vice president of the International Salvage Union. “So ships are designed to flex, but not to be kept at that position with a full load of cargo for weeks at a time. So it’s not an easy situation.”

International companies are preparing for the effect that the canal’s blockage will have on supply chains that rely on precise deliveries of goods. Singapore’s Minister of Transport Ong Ye Kung said the country’s port should expect disruptions.

“Should that happen, some draw down on inventories will become necessary,” he said on Facebook.

The backlog of vessels could stress European ports and the international supply of containers, already strained by the coronavirus pandemic, according to IHS Markit, a business research group. It said 49 container ships were scheduled to pass through the canal in the week since the Ever Given became lodged.

The delay could also result in huge insurance claims by companies, according to Marcus Baker, global head of Marine & Cargo at the insurance broker Marsh, with a ship like the Ever Given usually covered at between \$100 million to \$200 million.

Those trying to free the vessel want to avoid complications that could extend the canal closure, according to an Egyptian official at the canal authority. The official spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to talk to journalists.

Satellite and photos distributed by the canal authority show Ever Given’s bow touching the eastern wall, while its stern appeared lodged against the western wall.

The Ever Given was involved in an accident in northern Germany in 2019, when it ran into a small ferry moored on the Elbe River in Hamburg. No passengers were on the ferry at the time and there were no injuries, but it was seriously damaged.

Hamburg prosecutors opened an investigation of the Ever Given’s captain and pilot on suspicion of endangering shipping traffic, but shelved it in 2020 for lack of evidence, spokeswoman Liddy Oechtering told The Associated Press.

Oechtering also could not say what the investigation had determined the cause of the crash was, but officials at the time suggested that strong winds may have blown the slow moving cargo ship into the ferry.

Myanmar protest deaths reach 320 as U.S., U.K., impose sanctions

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — The toll of protesters confirmed killed in Myanmar since last month’s military takeover has reached 320, a group that verifies details of deaths and arrests announced Friday.

Myanmar’s Assistance Association for Political Prisoners said its tally includes only documented cases, with the actual number of casualties “likely much higher.” It said 11 people were killed Thursday, when it also managed to verify 23 deaths that occurred previously.

Myanmar news agencies, including the Democratic Voice of Burma and Mizzima, reported that three more people had been shot dead by security forces in the city of Myeik in southern Myanmar. Video posted on Mizzima TV’s YouTube channel showed protesters risking getting hit by gunfire to carry the bloody body of one young man who the report said had later died.

Social media posts, many including photos of bodies, indicated that as many as seven people may have been killed in various cities by nightfall on Friday. Those reports could not immediately be confirmed.

The Assistance Association described a typical deadly confrontation Thursday in Taunggyi, in Shan state in eastern Myanmar, when “the junta used live ammunition, trying to create a combat zone of residential areas, resulting in four civilians shot and killed, one dead body was dragged away, some other civilians were injured.

“Moreover, junta forces raided houses and violently arrested youths and ci-

vilians, thereafter destroying motorcycles, cars and barricades. They stormed streets unprovoked, shouted obscenities and vandalized property.”

State television MRTV on Friday night showed an announcement urging young people — who have been at the forefront of the protests and prominent among the casualties — to learn a lesson from those killed already about the danger of being shot in the head or back.

The warning was taken as an explicit threat because a great number of the fatalities among the protesters have come from being shot in the head, suggesting they have been targeted for death. The announcement suggested that some young people were taking part in protesting as if it was a game, and urged their parents and friends to talk them out of participating.

The association said as of Thursday, 2,981 people had been arrested, charged or sentenced in the crackdown since the Feb. 1 coup that ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi. Most, including Suu Kyi and President Win Myint, remain detained.

MRTV reported that 322 detainees were released Friday from Insein Prison, describing them as being accused of breaking a public order law by having “demonstrated violently.” On Wednesday, more than 600 others were freed from the same prison, also without being formally charged by a court.

The army’s seizure of power halted the Southeast Asian nation’s move toward democracy that began when Suu Kyi’s party took office in 2016 for its first

term, after more than five decades of military rule.

At about 4 a.m. Friday, unidentified people tossed firebombs at the headquarters of Suu Kyi’s National League for Democracy party in Yangon, but nearby residents managed to put out the fire before it could cause any major damage.

The movement against the junta and its takeover received a major boost Thursday when the United States and Britain announced tough sanctions against two military-owned conglomerates with vast holdings in many sectors.

The U.S. Treasury Department said its action against Myanma Economic Holdings Public Company Limited and Myanmar Economic Corporation Limited targets the army’s control of large parts of the country’s economy, “which is a vital financial lifeline for the military junta.”

The sanctions against the two companies and their holdings block access to any property they control in the United States and effectively bars any U.S. person or company from conducting any sort of business with them, including supplying them with funds or providing goods or services.

Myanmar’s homegrown Civil Disobedience Movement against military rule is targeting the economy in order to make it difficult for the junta to govern. It has advocated work stoppages by state enterprise workers, bank closures and disinvestment by foreign companies.

Myanmar’s economy is already battered by the COVID-19 pandemic, which surged there in the second half of last year.

The World Bank, in a Asia-wide review released Friday, forecast that Myanmar’s economy will contract by 10 percent in 2021 after growing a meager 1.7 percent in 2020 and 6.8 percent in 2019.

The Civil Disobedience Movement, or CDM, which was founded largely by medical workers, has drawn plaudits for its strategy, including a nomination for the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize by six social science professors at the University of Oslo in Norway.

“Our nomination is a recognition of this anti-coup resistance that is working for peace and democracy through non-violent means,” said their nomination letter.

Speaking for the six, Professor Kristian Stokke told The Associated Press their hope is that “the Peace Prize nomination will generate further international recognition and support for the movement and its peaceful aims and means.”

A leading member of the CDM, who asked not to be identified out of fear for his safety, said the nomination “reiterates the need for the junta ... to refrain from any type of violence and peacefully and immediately transfer the power to the democratically elected leaders of the nation.”

Suu Kyi won the Nobel Peace Prize for 1991 for leading a nonviolent struggle against a previous military dictatorship.

Yanghee Lee, the former independent U.N. expert for human rights in Myanmar, applauded the nomination of the CDM with a tweet that read: “Absolutely fantastic. Absolutely appropriate. Absolutely worthy.”

LIFESTYLES



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

Have your mousse cake and eat it too

The name of this dessert is potentially misleading. It's not exactly a cake, nor is it a bowl of fluffy mousse. But imagine the two concepts combined in a sublime chocolate confection that literally melts in your mouth. It's flourless, too, which is wonderful for gluten-free diets, Passover, and frankly, for those chocolate fanatics who prefer their chocolate straight up – or chilled in a springform pan, as it were.

The beauty of this dessert is that for all of its chocolate intensity, it is creamy and smooth without the density and darkness of a traditional flourless chocolate cake. This is thanks to the mousse component with its addition of whipped cream and egg whites. It's also a convenient do-ahead dessert, since it should be prepared one day in advance of serving. You can prepare it in a loaf pan or a terrine; however, I like to use a 6-inch springform, which allows the dessert to release easily from the pan. While a 6-inch cake might look small, I assure you that

each slice is rich and just the right amount of chocolate to finish a meal without knocking you over (if that's ever possible, that is). When ready to serve, simply cut it into wedges or slices. Serve as is, or with whipped cream, or with fruit. I had some time on my hands (don't we all?) and repurposed a bag of frozen raspberries and a pint of kumquats into two fruit garnishes, which happen to complement each other magnificently while embellishing the cake. No pressure, though – a simple sprinkle of confectioners' sugar will do just fine, too.

Chocolate Mousse Cake
Active Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes, plus chilling time
Yield: Serves 6 to 8
Neutral vegetable oil for the pan
9 ounces dark (70%) chocolate, chopped
3/4 cup (12 tablespoons) unsalted butter, cut into 4 pieces
3 large eggs, separated
3 large egg yolks
3/4 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
1/4 cup sifted unsweetened cocoa powder
Pinch of sea salt
1/3 cup heavy cream

2 teaspoons granulated sugar
Lightly oil a 1-quart baking dish, loaf pan or springform pan. Line the dish with plastic wrap, leaving an overhang for easy removal. If using a springform, line the bottom with plastic wrap or parchment.
Melt the chocolate and butter in a double boiler over barely simmering water, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat and cool to lukewarm.
Add the 6 egg yolks to the chocolate and stir to combine.
Whisk together the confectioners' sugar, cocoa and salt and stir into the chocolate mixture.
Beat the cream in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a whisk attachment until soft peaks form. Transfer to another bowl and refrigerate while you beat the egg whites.
Clean the mixing bowl and then beat the 3 egg whites with the granulated sugar until soft peaks form. Fold the egg whites into the chocolate mixture, then fold in the whipped cream.
Pour the mixture into the pan and smooth the top. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 12 hours or up to two days.
To serve, remove the chocolate from the pan. Slice into

wedges. Serve with whipped cream or raspberry coulis and/or candied kumquats (recipes below), or simply dust with confectioners' sugar.
Raspberry Coulis
Makes about 1 cup
10 ounces frozen raspberries
1/4 cup sugar
Combine the raspberries and sugar in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Heat until the sugar dissolves and the raspberries release their juices, stirring frequently, about 8 minutes. Cool and serve as is or strained through a fine-mesh sieve.
Candied Kumquats
Makes about 1 cup
2/3 cup sugar
2/3 cup water
6 ounces kumquats, rinsed and sliced 1/4-inch thick
Heat the sugar and water in a small saucepan over medium heat, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Add the kumquats and simmer over medium-low heat until the liquid is syrupy and the kumquats are translucent, about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cool and store the kumquats in the syrup.
Note: Consumption of raw or undercooked eggs may increase the risk of food-borne illness.

Your stimulus debit card may be in the mail – here's how to access the cash

More stimulus payments will hit people's bank accounts on March 24, while other taxpayers will soon receive checks and prepaid debit cards in their mailboxes. This money, a financial lifeline for many families, represents the third round of economic relief tied to the coronavirus pandemic. The

Michelle Singletary



American Rescue Plan provides payments of up to \$1,400 for eligible individuals and \$2,800 for couples filing a joint federal return. Eligible taxpayers meeting the income thresholds will receive an additional \$1,400 for dependents. These payments are technically an advance payment of a 2021 tax credit. The IRS is sending most payments by direct deposit because it the easiest and fastest way to get this money to tens of millions of Americans. When that isn't possible, the agency is mailing checks and prepaid debit cards. About 20 million paper checks and debit cards are expected to start arriving soon, but the delivery could run into nationwide mail delays at the U.S. Postal Service. Here are some answers to questions you may have about the delivery of stimulus payments by check or debit card.

Why am I getting a check?

Most likely you are receiving a stimulus check because the IRS does not have direct deposit information for you, or your financial institution rejected the payment and returned the money. This could happen because the IRS has the wrong bank account information, or you've closed the account. If the account was closed, your payment will be reissued and mailed to the most recent address on file with the IRS. Even if you haven't given the IRS banking information, it's possible you may still get a direct deposit. Stimulus payments are being sent out in batches. So, just because you haven't received your money yet doesn't mean it's not coming. And for those without direct deposit information on file, the IRS says it will be using federal records of recent payments to or from the government, where available, to make the payment as a direct deposit.

How will I recognize the check is from the IRS?

Checks will arrive in a white envelope from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. It will look much like a check you receive for a tax refund. However, in the memo field, it will say, "Economic Impact Payment."

How will I recognize the stimulus debit card?

Many people mistook the debit card as junk mail or thought it was a scam and threw it out in the first and second rounds of the stimulus payments. There was no indication on the envelope that the correspondence was coming from the IRS or Treasury. The IRS refers to the stimulus payment as an "economic impact payment" or EIP, so look for that wording. The debit card has the Visa logo on the front, and the issuing bank is MetaBank, the Treasury Department's financial agent. You'll also see "Money Network" on the back of the card. Treasury changed what's on the outside of the envelope after the first round, following complaints that

people didn't realize their EIP card was inside. Now, you'll see the Treasury logo and the notice: "Not a bill or an advertisement. Important information about your Economic Impact Payment. The return address will say: 'Economic Impact Payment Card, PO Box 247022, Omaha, NE 68124-7022.'"

How can I use the debit card?

The prepaid debit card can be used to make purchases online and at any retail location where Visa is accepted. You can also get cash back during a purchase, transfer the funds to your personal bank account or withdraw money from an ATM. However, there are limits on how much cash you can access at one time. There is a \$1,000 ATM withdrawal limit per transaction and per day. Your bank may have an even lower daily withdrawal or transaction limit. The IRS points out the limit on ACH transfers to a bank account is \$2,500 per transaction. You can use the card to pay your rent or mortgage, if your landlord or loan servicer accepts Visa debit card payments. Read the instructions carefully or go online to eipcard.com to find out how to avoid fees when you use the card. There's no fee to withdraw cash at in-network ATMs that carry the "AllPoint" or "MoneyPass" logos. But if you use an ATM out of the network, it will cost you \$2, although the fee is waived for the first ATM withdrawal. You may also get dinged with a fee by the ATM operator, Metabank warns. You can find an ATM that doesn't charge a fee by going online to eipcard.com or by downloading and using the Money Network mobile app. **What should I do if the debit card is lost, stolen, or discarded by accident?** If you have lost or thrown out the stimulus debit card, you'll have to call (800) 240-8100 for a free replacement. Here's where things can get confusing. When you call, ignore the instructions to press Option 1 to reach customer service. Instead, choose Option 2 for a lost or stolen card. Then select Option 1 to input the last six digits (yes, six, not the customary four) of your Social Security number as well as your Zip code. You should be transferred to a customer service representative. You will have to answer some security questions before a replacement card is mailed. **I already received an EIP debit card. Will the latest stimulus payment be loaded on that card?** None of the debit cards are reloadable, the IRS said. You will receive a new debit card with the latest stimulus payment.

Will the money always be available on the card?

Once you activate the debit card, the money will remain accessible to you. Money on the card will not be returned to the government unless you return your card to MetaBank, according to the IRS. *Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer's name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.*

Krispy Kreme post-vaccine doughnut offer sparks joy – and concerns about sugar overload

By **SIMONE JASPER**
The News & Observer (TNS)

Krispy Kreme fans are rejoicing over the company's latest promotion: a free glazed doughnut every day this year, as long you show proof that you've gotten a COVID-19 vaccine. But not everyone is a fan of the sugar rush. Some experts, including the top public health official in North Carolina – the birthplace of and perhaps biggest cheerleader for all things Krispy Kreme – are reminding people about the importance of moderation. "I love me a Krispy Kreme doughnut, but maybe not

every day," Dr. Mandy Cohen, secretary of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, said during a news conference Tuesday. "But I would also like to say that we are making sure that folks know the true benefits of this vaccine for themselves, for their families and their communities." Dr. Aseem Malhotra, a doctor in the United Kingdom who has shared controversial views on diets, also weighed in, saying high blood sugar levels are a risk factor for COVID-19 mortality. "Krispy Kreme is offering FREE doughnuts for people getting the vaccine," he said on Twitter. "You really

couldn't make it up." In its announcement Monday, Krispy Kreme said it wants "to support everyone doing their part to make the country safe by getting vaccinated as soon as the vaccine is available to them." That resonated with Dr. Vincent Rajkumar of the Mayo Clinic. "Well this is amazing," he said on Twitter. "Anything and everything to help combat vaccine hesitancy." Dr. Leana Wen, a medical analyst for CNN, said she appreciated Krispy Kreme's "out-of-the-box thinking" and hopes other companies will offer incentives for vaccinated customers.

But, she said, doughnut fans could gain about 15 pounds by the end of the year if they eat one glazed treat a day without changing their diet or exercise habits. "I'm sure that's not your intention," she wrote in a series of tweets that that drew some critics. So what is the nutritional information for a glazed doughnut from the company known for its enticing "Hot Now" signs? Each has 190 calories and 10 grams of sugar, according to the company. It has five grams of saturated fat, which accounts for 25 percent of the daily value based on a 2,000-calorie diet.

New hire is woman who wrecked neighbor's car

DEAR ABBY: Last year, my across-the-street neighbor backed into my car. At least, that's what I think happened. My car was parked legally on the street, and there was a huge dent in it. I called the police and, based on the location of the dent and the neighbor's driveway, the officer determined that the neighbor had backed into it. Furthermore, light blue paint from my car was on her car's bumper.

When the officer went across the street, the neighbor came running out screaming at him. She was hysterical and belligerent, and she denied it. Eventually, the officer told me that even though he was certain she did it, there was nothing he could do since it was her word against mine. I had never met this woman before, but she is mean, and I often hear her screaming and cussing at her small children. Last week, I arrived at work to discover that my company had hired a new clerk. I'll give you one guess who it is. I don't think she realizes I'm her neighbor. I must interact with her often at work, and so far, I've been professional but chilly toward her.

At some point, she's going to see me in my yard and realize I'm her neighbor. Should I clear the air now, or should I pretend it never happened? I'm still angry because she cost me a lot of money. — Angry Neighbor

DEAR NEIGHBOR: I see nothing to be gained by “clearing the air” with someone you know is emotionally unstable. Let it ride, keep your distance and remain cool. If her problems manifest at the office, she may not be there long. And at home, stay away from her AND her driveway.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with my boyfriend for almost four years. We live together along with my two older sons, ages 30 and 33.

He doesn't spend much time with me because he's either working or hanging out with the guys at the bar. I do have jealousy issues. He looks at and talks to other women when I am with him.

My former husband used to be out every day until late in the evenings until I caught him cheating with my best friend. It's hard for me to trust again. I truly love my boyfriend, and I don't want to lose him. Should I be jealous or let it go? — Undervalued In Indiana

DEAR UNDERVALUED: Your insecurity is something you need to work on because your jealousy could drive a wedge between you and your boyfriend. If his looking at and conversing with women were a threat to your relationship, it's likely something would already have happened.

Did your former husband look at women and engage them in conversation? I have a hunch he didn't do it openly. That your best friend helped him cheat was another betrayal, for which you have my sympathy. But please don't project their sins onto your boyfriend.

Talk to him. Tell him you need more time together. Make plans for a regular date night and arrange for your sons to be absent. If you still don't have enough of his company and he likes hanging out with his guy friends at the bar, consider tagging along occasionally.

DEAR READERS: At sundown, the first night of the major Jewish holiday of Passover begins. It celebrates the first and most momentous event in Jewish history — the liberation of the Jewish people in Egypt. Wishing a happy Passover to my Jewish readers! — Love, Abby

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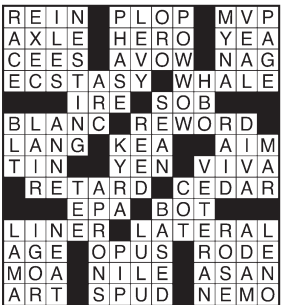
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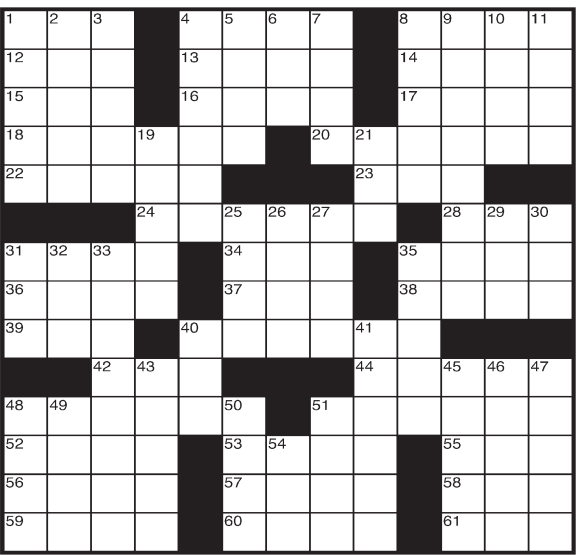
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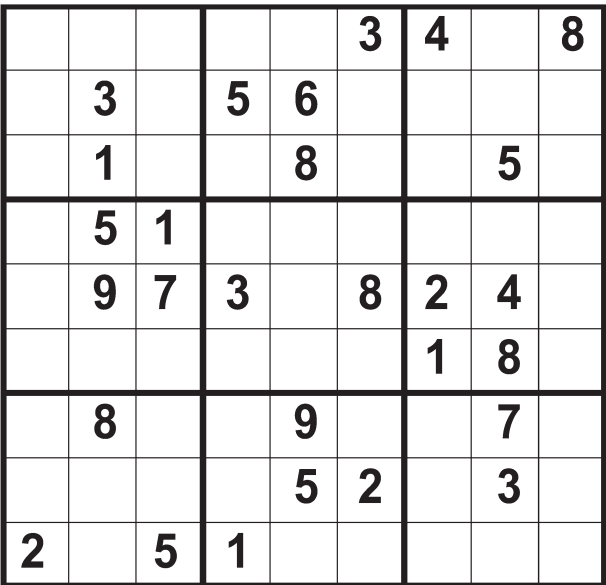
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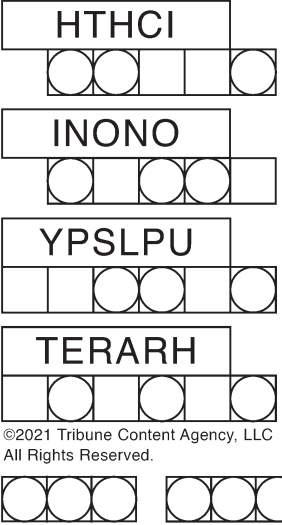
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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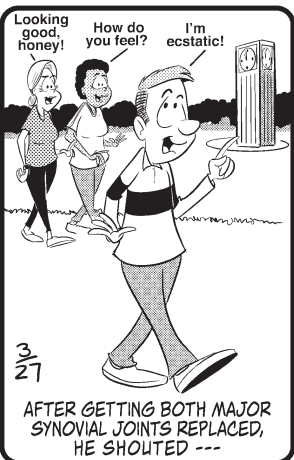
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



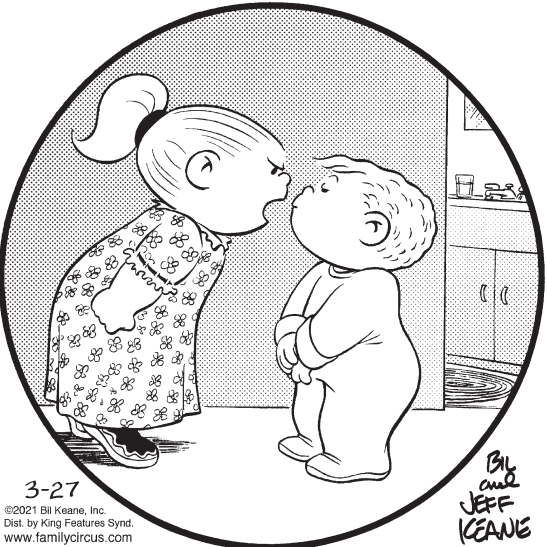
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CLIFF KNELT EMBLEM SUDDEN Answer: She forgot that giraffes have seven vertebrae, but she'd try to remember — "NECKS" TIME

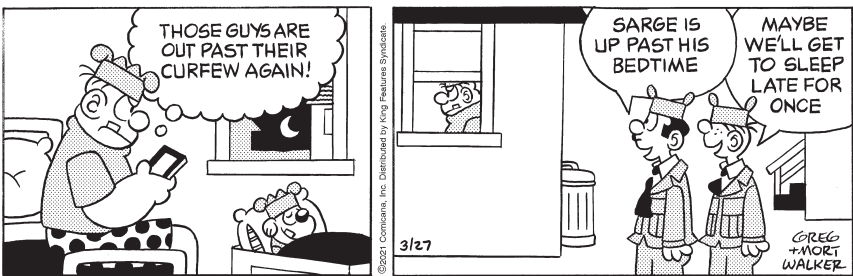
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"You didn't brush your teeth! I can't smell any toothpaste!"

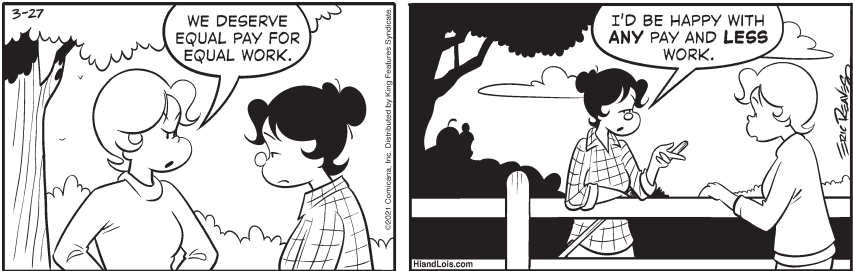
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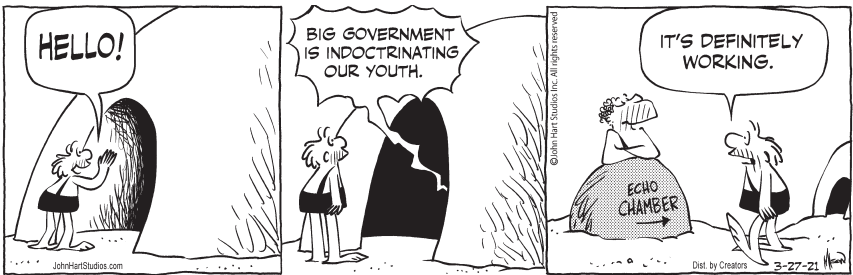
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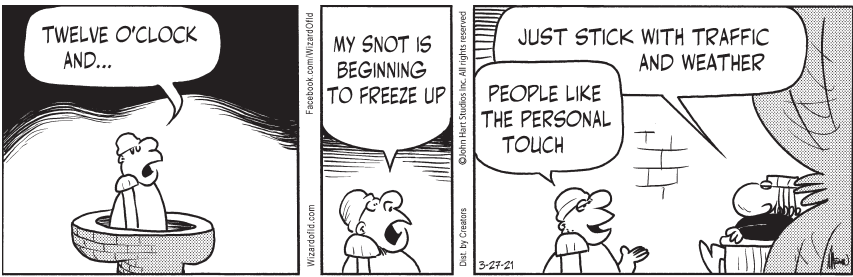
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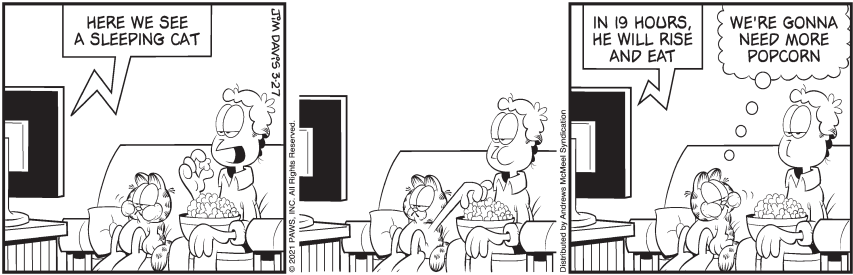
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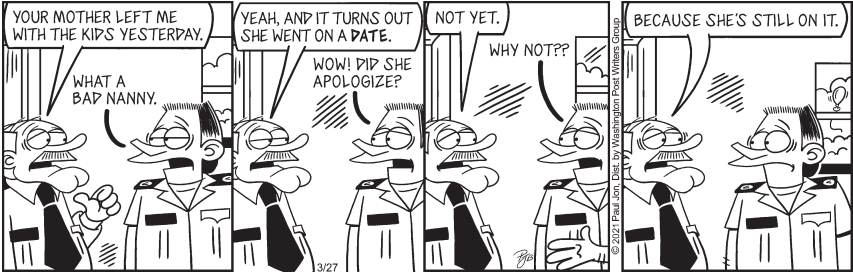
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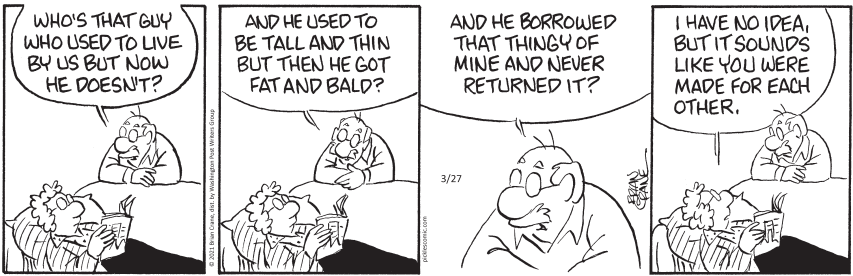
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Truth is from God

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Why does the Bible say that the cross is foolishness to those who don't believe? — F.C.

A: The wisdom of this world is cynical of what was accomplished by the death and resurrection of Christ. The Apostle Paul said, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise" (1 Corinthians 1:18-19). Human beings view life from a personal point of time and space, but God views us from His heavenly throne in the light of eternity. We see ourselves as self-sufficient, self-important, and self-sustaining; God sees us as de-

pendent, self-centered, and self-deceived. Our worldly wisdom has made us calloused and hard. Our natural wisdom, as the Scriptures teach, comes not from God, but is earthly, sensual, and devilish (James 3:15).

There is the person you think you are. There is the person others think you are. And there is the person God knows you are and what you can become through Christ.

Truth is from God, whether scientific, psychological, philosophic, or religious. He desires that we believe

His truth which points us to the cross. It is there that we find forgiveness of the sins of "self" and we also find the solution to dilemmas and problems.

The one who does not know Jesus Christ as personal Savior is a "natural man," not understanding that God, in His grace and mercy, will forgive sinners and transform lives. It's impossible for the natural man to comprehend how these changed lives can affect society. But you can know the Lord Jesus today if you will receive Him by faith.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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2020 School Corporation Annual Performance Report (APR)

General Explanations

The APR is a report on the performance of schools and school corporations (districts) in your area. The goal is to provide information regarding the progress schools are making to help students become college-and–career ready. Where possible, this report contains three years of data to show trends – not just this year’s results. In addition, the State Average is also shown for comparison purposes. There are additional indicators that are available on the Indiana Department of Education’s Web site (inview.doe.in.gov), including data broken out by different student subgroups, such as race, gender, income level and special education.

Indiana educators and citizens have developed higher academic standards for all students. These standards are necessary to prepare Indiana students to be successful in life, whether they go directly to higher education or to the workplace. For high schools, you will see graduation rates and the percentage of graduates who plan to go on to college.

Other important data are provided, such as average attendance rates and indicators of school safety, including expulsions and suspensions. Also included is information about your school corporation, such as how much is spent, on average, for each student; how much teachers are paid; and the percentage of corporation students who are in special education classes or gifted and talented classes.

COVID-19 NOTE: Due to COVID-19, ILEARN/ISTEP assessments were not administered during the 2019-2020 school year.

Definitions (in the order found on the report)

Corporation Level & General School Data	
A-F Accountability Grade	Grade calculated by the IDOE per 511 IAC 6.2-6 and officially assigned by the State Board of Education. For 2018-19, Schools and Corporations were assigned the better of their 2017-18 grade or the 2018-19 calculated grade.
Student Enrollment	Number of students enrolled on October 1 of the school year. Note: Counts for Membership purposes are taken on a different day and may differ.
Non-Waiver Grad Rate	For 2018-19, the percentage of students who entered Grade 9 in Fall 2015 and graduated in four years or less without a waiver
College and Career Readiness Rate	The percentage of 2018 four year graduates who passed an Advanced Placement test, passed an International Baccalaureate test, received 3 hours of Dual Credit, or received an Industry Certification. Note: These data are not available for the 2020 cohort at time of publication.
Career and Technical Diplomas	Core 40 with Technical Honors Diplomas
Certified Teachers	Teachers certified to teach as reported by School Corporation (includes guidance counselors and other non-Administrator staff)
Teacher Salary Range	Salary range is calculated by reviewing the salaries for teachers as provided by the School Corporation. Teachers must be reported at 100% for 180-195 days
Students in Special Education	Students (including non-public Students) who are receiving special education services
Students in Gifted and Talented Education	Percentage of students enrolled in gifted and talented education programs as defined locally
Percent of Instruction Delivered Through Career and Technical Education	Percentage of total instructional hours delivered through vocational education classes
Students Receiving Free or Reduced Price Lunches	Students who receive free or reduced price lunches due to family income level
Limited English Proficiency Students	Students whose inability to communicate English prevents them from participating fully in a standard educational program
Foster Care Students	Students who are foster care students
Alternative Education	Students enrolled and receiving instruction for at least 10 days in an approved alternative education program
Intra District Mobility	Percentage of students who moved from one school to another in the same school corporation
Inter District Mobility	Percentage of student who moved from one school to another in a different school corporation
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	Number of Students per Certified Employees as reported by the School Corporation
Attendance Rate	Average attendance rate for students

High School Data	
ISTEP+	Grade 10 exam for high school graduation. Pass rates for Grade 10 ISTEP are for first time attempts only.
Career and Technical Programs	Programs administered through the Department of Workforce Development that often result in an Industry Certification
International Baccalaureate	Program of Study offered by some authorized schools that may result in a student receiving a specialized diploma called an International Baccalaureate Diploma. More information can be found at www.ibo.org
Core 40	Basic High school graduation requirements More information on the graduation requirements and types of diplomas can be found at http://www.doe.in.gov/student-services/student-assistance/academic-guidance
Core 40 with Honors diploma	Either Core 40 with Academic Honors or Core 40 with Technical Honors
Graduation Rate	For 2015-16, the percentage of students who entered Grade 9 in Fall 2013 and graduated in four years or less.

Elementary/Middle School Data	
ILEARN	Grade specific exam given to all students. All students in Grades 3-8 are tested annually in Math and English/Language Arts. Students in grades 4 and 6 are also tested in Science. Students in grades 5 are also tested in Social Studies.
IREAD	Exam given to all students in grade 3 to test reading proficiency. Students must pass the exam to advance to grade 4

Contact:

If you have any questions about this information, you should contact your local school corporation or contact the Department of Education at 317-234-1332 or by e-mail at datarequests@doe.in.gov.

Wabash City Schools
2020 Annual Performance Report

Wabash City Schools, Wabash 8060					
	Corporation Results				State
Indicator	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	C	C	C	C	
Student Enrollment	1,507	1,539	1,581	1,599	1,135,199
Non-Waiver Grad Rate	80.2	83.0	88.5	91.8	88.25
Percentage of Career and Technical Diplomas	2.3	9.4	9.4	13.5	9.02
Number of Certified Teachers	87	91	89	97	60,474
Teacher Salary Range - Minimum	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,834.94
Teacher Salary Range - Maximum	\$60,300	\$60,300	\$61,500	\$63,000	\$67,453.24
Number of Students in Special Education	266	283	281	289	173,516
Percent of Students in Special Education	17.6	18.4	17.8	18.1	15.9
Number of Students in Gifted and Talented Education	217	195	183	138	133,326
Percent of Students in Gifted and Talented Education	14.4	12.7	11.6	8.6	12.8
Number of Students Receiving Free or Reduced Lunches	844	893	920	941	533,656
Percent of Students Receiving Free or Reduced Price Lunches	56.0	58.0	58.2	58.8	48.3
Number of Limited English Proficiency Students	6	7	4	8	72,309
Percent of Limited English Proficiency Students	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	6.4
Percent of Students in Foster Care	N/A	1.5	2.15	2.6	1.81
Number of Students in Alternative Education	30	12	34	33	117.7
Percentage of Students in Alternative Education	1.9	0.7	2.1	2	7.5
Number of Students in Career and Technical Program	178	193	237	325	206,025
Percentage of Students in Career and Technical Program	11.81	12.54	6.1	13.4	9
Intra District Mobily	0	0	0	0	0
Inter District Mobility	7.4	10.4	9.4	8.5	0
Graduation Rate	89.6	96.0	93.3	91.8	88.4
Number of Incidents of Restraint	0	0	0	0	7,364

Corporation Goals for Expenditure Categories in Indiana Code 20-42.5-3-5

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Wabash City Schools, Wabash 8060					
	Corporation Results				State
Indicator	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
Number of Incidents of Restriant Involving a School Resource Officer	N/A	0	0	0	2,224
Number of Incidents of Seclusion	0	0	0	0	6,219
Number of Incidents of Seclusion Involving a School Resource Officer	N/A	0	0	0	297

Corporation Goals for Expenditure Categories in Indiana Code 20-42.5-3-5

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Wabash High School, Wabash 8693					
	School Results				State
Indicator	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	B	B	B	B	
Student Enrollment	427	460	456	455	1,135,199
Non-Waiver Grad Rate	80.21	83.00	88.46	91.75	88.25
College and Career Readiness Rate	82.50	87.50	76.3	N/A	N/A
Number of Certified Teachers	32	31	32	34	60,474
Number of Students in Career and Technical Program	178	193	237	325	206,025
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	32.1	27.2	20.8	N/A	N/A
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	42.8	47.6	49.6	N/A	N/A
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Science Standard	23.8	15.5	5.2	N/A	N/A
Percent of Graduates Who Have Passeded Both ECA Standards	89.5	86.5	***		
Percent of Graduates Granted Waivers	10.5	13.5	5.2		
SAT Average Score for Graduating Class	933	N/A	1007		
Percent of graduates receiving Academic Honors Diploma	27.9	40.6	50.5	36.0	27.3
Number of graduates receiving Core 40 Diploma	65	89	82	66	161.7
Percent of 12th Graders Taking SAT	80.4	N/A	88.7		
Percent Core 40 with Honors Diploma	27.9	40.6	50.5	49.4	40.3
Percent Core 40 Diploma	75.6	92.7	84.5	74.2	91.0
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	12.5	13.9	13	12.9	13.4
Graduation Rate	89.6	96.0	93.3	91.8	88.4
Attendance Rate	95.2	95.9	94.7	96.0	95.4
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	30	12	38	28	0
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	30	10	42	24	0
Number of Students Retained in the 9th Grade	0	0	0	0	132
Number of Students Who Have Dropped Out	3	0	1	0	6,083

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Wabash City Schools
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Wabash High School, Wabash 8693					
	School Results				State
Indicator	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
Number of Students Suspended	46	55	47	46	82,767
Number of Students Expelled	0	4	1		
Number of Students Expelled or Suspended involving Drugs, Weapons, or Alcohol	7	4	2		
Number of Out of School Suspensions	0	2	2	2	55,563
Number of In School Suspensions	46	54	45	45	41,240
Number of Bullying Incidents	0	0	1		

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Wabash Middle School, Wabash 8694					
	School Results				State
Indicator	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	C	C	C	C	
Student Enrollment	463	471	483	482	1,135,199
Number of Certified Teachers	37	36	36	38	60,474
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	70.9	58.2	30.8	N/A	N/A
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	66.6	63.9	50.5	N/A	N/A
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Social Science Standard	62.3	45.9	40.2	N/A	N/A
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	60.1	68.9	28.9	N/A	N/A
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	56.4	64.8	43.0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Science Standard	57.4	62.3	42.2	N/A	N/A
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	40.7	44.6	36.7	N/A	N/A
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	57.2	59.4	55.8	N/A	N/A
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Social Science Standard	56.3	50.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
* Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	31.1	33.0	28.2	N/A	N/A
* Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	48.3	54.6	42.7	N/A	N/A
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Science Standard	44.2	0	80.6	N/A	N/A
Percent of 8th Graders in Algebra I	34.7	27.4	26.3		
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	11.5	12.3	12.3	12.3	13.4
Attendance Rate	96.0	95.8	95.7	95.7	95.4
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	38	45	39	53	0
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	23	28	24	30	0
Number of Students Suspended	120	123	128	98	82,767
Number of Students Expelled	6	1	2		
Number of Students Expelled or Suspended involving Drugs, Weapons, or Alcohol	7	5	9	1	5,095

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Wabash Middle School, Wabash 8694					
	School Results				State
Indicator	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
Number of Out of School Suspensions	13	17	21	15	55,563
Number of In School Suspensions	118	119	123	95	41,240
Number of Bullying Incidents	0	0	0	5	4,496

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O J Neighbours Elementary School, Wabash 8706					
	School Results				State
Indicator	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	C	C	C	C	
Student Enrollment	617	608	642	662	1,135,199
Number of Certified Teachers	33	35	34	36	60,474
Percentage of Students Passing IREAD	97.0	77.2	85.1	N/A	N/A
* Grade 3 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	46.5	38.1	35.4	N/A	N/A
* Grade 3 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	60.0	50.0	32.3	N/A	N/A
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	43.1	48.6	38.4	N/A	N/A
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	69.0	71.0	45.5	N/A	N/A
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Science Standard	57.7	62.6	41.1	N/A	N/A
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	15.9	14.4	15.3	14	13.4
Attendance Rate	96.7	96.7	96.7	96.5	95.4
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	3	8	17	19	0
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	18	24	23	23	0
Number of Students Suspended	0	0	0	18	82,767
Number of Out of School Suspensions	0	0	0	9	55,563
Number of In School Suspensions	0	0	0	14	41,240
Number of Bullying Incidents	0	0	0	5	4,496

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Metropolitan School District of Wabash County
Goals for Expenditure Categories

Public Law 191-2006 (HEA 1006) establishes four categories of expenditures in a school corporation's budget:

The State Board of Education has approved the following definitions:

- 1. Student academic expenditures
- 2. Student instructional support expenditures
- 3. Overhead and operational expenditures
- 4. Non-operational expenditures

The school corporation must establish goals for each category that will increase the corporation's allocation of taxpayer resources to student academic and instructional support.

Category Goals

- 1. The Metropolitan School District of Wabash County will make every effort to maintain the current levels of expenditures for student academic and instructional support for the next fiscal year. However, increases in those areas may not be plausible due to:
 - a) A decline in enrollment and a subsequent decline in revenue, and
 - b) A potential reduction in certified and classified staff due to the current needs of the corporation.
 - c) All decisions will be made without compromising the essential academic and instructional support of our students.
- 2. The Metropolitan School District of Wabash County will make every effort to decrease the overhead and operational expenses without compromising the academic needs of our students by:
 - a) Continue filing for e-rate reimbursement.
 - b) Use the Region 8 Educational Service Center for purchasing and professional development opportunities.
 - c) Conservation of utilities and food service expenditures.
 - d) Consolidation of schools services and overhead expense.

M S D Wabash County Schools

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M S D Wabash County Schools, Wabash 8050					
Indicator	Corporation Results				State
	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	0	B	B	B	
Student Enrollment	2,065	2,172	2,116	2,159	1,135,199
Non-Waiver Grad Rate	68.6	68.8	53.6	64.8	88.25
Percentage of Career and Technical Diplomas	4.1	3.3	3.3	1.9	9.02
Number of Certified Teachers	127	131	126	128	60,474
Teacher Salary Range - Minimum	\$29,071	\$26,930	\$34,500	\$35,410	\$35,834.94
Teacher Salary Range - Maximum	\$60,530	\$60,700	\$60,800	\$62,300	\$67,453.24
Number of Students in Special Education	299	336	359	350	173,516
Percent of Students in Special Education	14.5	15.5	17.0	16.2	15.9
Number of Students in Gifted and Talented Education	256	211	175	154	133,326
Percent of Students in Gifted and Talented Education	12.4	9.7	8.3	7.2	12.8
Number of Students Receiving Free or Reduced Lunches	854	1,032	1,010	997	533,656
Percent of Students Receiving Free or Reduced Price Lunches	41.4	47.5	47.7	46.2	48.3
Number of Limited English Proficiency Students	7	14	15	16	72,309
Percent of Limited English Proficiency Students	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.7	6.4
Percent of Students in Foster Care	N/A	2.6	6.38	6.2	1.81
Number of Students in Career and Technical Program	465	503	460	473	206,025
Percentage of Students in Career and Technical Program	22.51	23.16	5.1	1.8	9
Intra District Mobility	1.3	0.8	1.4	0.8	0
Inter District Mobility	13.9	17.9	20.5	19.2	0
Graduation Rate	81.6	85.1	74.0	73.7	88.4
Number of Incidents of Restraint	0	13	3	2	7,364
Number of Incidents of Restriant Involving a School Resource Officer	N/A	0	0	0	2,224
Number of Incidents of Seclusion	0	0	0	0	6,219
Number of Incidents of Seclusion Involving a School Resource Officer	N/A	0	0	0	297

Corporation Goals for Expenditure Categories in Indiana Code 20-42.5-3-3

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Northfield Jr-Sr High School, Wabash 8651					
Indicator	School Results				State
	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	B	B	B	B	
Student Enrollment	463	451	433	427	1,135,199
Non-Waiver Grad Rate	96.97	85.33	93.65	94.55	88.25
College and Career Readiness Rate	81.80	82.20	88.7	N/A	N/A
Number of Certified Teachers	32	33	30	30	60,474
Number of Students in Career and Technical Program	184	203	176	186	206,025
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	36.1	41.7	35.5	N/A	N/A
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	63.8	58.3	34.2	N/A	N/A
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Social Science Standard	65.2	62.0	0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	67.1	48.6	38.1	N/A	N/A
* Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	67.1	52.9	45.3	N/A	N/A
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	37.6	23.5	32.9	N/A	N/A
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	42.8	44.1	55.3	N/A	N/A
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Science Standard	48.7	70.8	0	N/A	N/A
Percent of 8th Graders in Algebra I	32.1	26.0	20.3		
Percent of Graduates Who Have Passed Both ECA Standards	97.0	84.9	***		
Percent of Graduates Granted Waivers	3.0	12.3	4.8		
SAT Average Score for Graduating Class	1120	N/A	1091		
Percent of graduates receiving Academic Honors Diploma	34.8	28.8	40.3	26.9	27.3
Number of graduates receiving Core 40 Diploma	54	53	50	43	161.7
Percent of 12th Graders Taking SAT	61.1	N/A	32.3		
Percent Core 40 with Honors Diploma	34.8	28.8	40.3	26.9	40.3
Percent Core 40 Diploma	81.8	72.6	80.6	82.7	91.0
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	12.8	11.8	11.6	11.4	13.4

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Northfield Jr-Sr High School, Wabash 8651					
Indicator	School Results				State
	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
Graduation Rate	100.0	97.3	98.4	94.5	88.4
Attendance Rate	96.1	94.4	95.7	96.1	95.4
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	3	8	6	3	0
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	22	57	31	17	0
Number of Students Retained in the 9th Grade	0	0	0	0	132
Number of Students Who Have Dropped Out	0	1	0	2	6,083
Number of Students Suspended	27	27	27	19	82,767
Number of Students Expelled or Suspended involving Drugs, Weapons, or Alcohol	27	2	5	3	5,095
Number of Out of School Suspensions	8	9	3	6	55,563
Number of In School Suspensions	23	20	27	14	41,240

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Southwood Jr-Sr High School, Wabash 8655					
Indicator	School Results				State
	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	B	B	B	B	
Student Enrollment	440	428	405	394	1,135,199
Non-Waiver Grad Rate	81.54	95.59	97.22	98.63	88.25
College and Career Readiness Rate	57.10	56.70	71.4	N/A	N/A
Number of Certified Teachers	33	33	32	29	60,474
Number of Students in Career and Technical Program	192	207	186	208	206,025
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	34.3	42.1	39.7	N/A	N/A
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	54.6	59.6	57.1	N/A	N/A
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Social Science Standard	53.1	54.4	0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	59.2	61.9	35.7	N/A	N/A
* Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	61.7	55.6	46.4	N/A	N/A
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	50.7	27.2	42.3	N/A	N/A
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	57.7	61.7	62.0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Science Standard	54.5	59.3	0	N/A	N/A
Percent of 8th Graders in Algebra I	23.1	31.7	20.3		
Percent of Graduates Who Have Passed Both ECA Standards	84.1	97.0	***		
Percent of Graduates Granted Waivers	15.9	3.0	0.0		
SAT Average Score for Graduating Class	1040	N/A	1037		
Percent of graduates receiving Academic Honors Diploma	27.0	31.3	37.1	29.2	27.3
Number of graduates receiving Core 40 Diploma	46	53	53	60	161.7
Percent of 12th Graders Taking SAT	50.7	N/A	34.3		
Percent Core 40 with Honors Diploma	27.0	31.3	37.1	34.7	40.3
Percent Core 40 Diploma	73.0	79.1	75.7	83.3	91.0
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	11.8	11.2	10.9	10.6	13.4

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Southwood Jr-Sr High School, Wabash 8655					
Indicator	School Results				State
	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
Graduation Rate	96.9	98.5	97.2	98.6	88.4
Attendance Rate	96.1	95.1	95.1	96.0	95.4
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	3	6	6	3	0
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	24	36	28	16	0
Number of Students Retained in the 9th Grade	0	0	0	0	132
Number of Students Who Have Dropped Out	0	0	0	1	6,083
Number of Students Suspended	21	11	21	10	82,767
Number of Students Expelled or Suspended involving Drugs, Weapons, or Alcohol	2	1	1	1	5,095
Number of Out of School Suspensions	1	3	1		
Number of In School Suspensions	20	9	20	10	41,240

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Southwood Elementary School, Wabash 8656					
Indicator	School Results				State
	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	C	C	C	C	
Student Enrollment	463	498	456	445	1,135,199
Number of Certified Teachers	27	29	28	29	60,474
Percentage of Students Passing IREAD	88.5	93.3	93.0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 3 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	57.6	61.8	72.2	N/A	N/A
* Grade 3 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	70.1	68.0	44.4	N/A	N/A
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	55.9	39.2	42.9	N/A	N/A
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	77.9	67.6	50.8	N/A	N/A
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Science Standard	81.3	86.5	58.7	N/A	N/A
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	47.0	60.0	32.8	N/A	N/A
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	67.6	72.4	46.3	N/A	N/A
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Social Science Standard	70.5	70.7	53.7	N/A	N/A
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	48.2	48.5	31.0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	62.5	72.1	55.2	N/A	N/A
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Science Standard	71.4	61.8	44.8	N/A	N/A
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Social Science Standard	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	14.4	14.6	13.2	12.5	13.4
Attendance Rate	95.9	96.2	96.2	96.6	95.4
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	6	6	5	2	0
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	28	20	16	5	0

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Sharp Creek Elementary School, Wabash 8657					
Indicator	School Results				State
	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	C	A	A	A	
Student Enrollment	233	246	254	240	1,135,199
Number of Certified Teachers	16	16	16	16	60,474
Percentage of Students Passing IREAD	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	61.4	53.8	54.3	N/A	N/A
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	69.8	60.3	51.9	N/A	N/A
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Science Standard	67.4	53.8	48.2	N/A	N/A
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	66.6	80.5	52.8	N/A	N/A
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	66.6	74.4	45.8	N/A	N/A
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Social Science Standard	79.1	63.4	41.7	N/A	N/A
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	60.2	56.4	48.1	N/A	N/A
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	63.0	62.0	52.0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Science Standard	64.3	63.3	48.1	N/A	N/A
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Social Science Standard	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	12.9	12.3	11.5	10.9	13.4
Attendance Rate	96.7	96.2	97.3	97.1	95.4
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	3	6	1		
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	9	20	6	7	0

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White's Jr-Sr High School, Wabash 8673					
Indicator	School Results				State
	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	0	No Grade	No Grade	N/A	
Student Enrollment	176	247	282	347	1,135,199
Non-Waiver Grad Rate	32.89	26.39	10.00	40.00	88.25
College and Career Readiness Rate	14.90	4.70	12.5	N/A	N/A
Number of Certified Teachers	10	9	9	11	60,474
Number of Students in Career and Technical Program	89	93	98	79	206,025
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	0.0	0	0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Science Standard	0.0	0	0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	0.0	30.0	0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	20.0	30.0	0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Social Science Standard	14.2	30.0	0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	5.2	0.0	0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	21.0	8.7	0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Math Standard	3.8	3.3	0.0	N/A	N/A
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Language Arts Standard	16.6	20.3	22.7	N/A	N/A
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+/ ILEARN Science Standard	16.1	24.5	0	N/A	N/A
Percent of 8th Graders in Algebra I	75.0	78.6	***		
Percent of Graduates Who Have Passed Both ECA Standards	62.5	44.2	***	***	***
Percent of Graduates Granted Waivers	37.5	55.8	79.7	92.9	12.7
SAT Average Score for Graduating Class	1031	N/A	953		
Percent of graduates receiving Academic Honors Diploma	10.0	7.0	3.1	1.1	27.3
Number of graduates receiving Core 40 Diploma	23	30	37	48	161.7

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White's Jr-Sr High School, Wabash 8673					
	School Results				State
Indicator	'16-'17	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	Total
Percent of 12th Graders Taking SAT	9.5	N/A	12.5		
Percent Core 40 with Honors Diploma	10.0	7.0	3.1	1.1	40.3
Percent Core 40 Diploma	57.5	69.8	57.8	52.2	91.0
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	14.6	22.4	25.6	28.9	13.4
Graduation Rate	52.6	59.7	49.2	55.8	88.4
Attendance Rate	99.5	98.1	99.1	99.3	95.4
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	1	3	3		
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	0	3	1		
Number of Students Retained in the 9th Grade	0	0	0	0	132
Number of Students Who Have Dropped Out	9	11	16	43	6,083